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THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER

**THE HOLDINGS OF
MOTHER BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HISTORICAL MUSEUM
IN
MANUSCRIPT AND PRINT**

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INTRODUCTION

Recorded history reveals that every century has produced men and women who are called great because of contributions made during their lifetime which affect society to this very day.

Richard Allen can be called great. Born a slave in 1760, he later bought his freedom, was converted to Christianity, and eventually established the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

He purchased a lot in 1787 on Sixth Street below Pine Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from a Mr. Mark Wilcox. This lot is the oldest parcel of real estate continuously owned by Negroes in the United States. Four church buildings have been erected on this plot of ground.

Widely accepted as the first man of color to foster self-help among his people, Richard Allen was the founder of the Free African Society (1787), and later (1816) of the first Negro church to expand on a national level in the United States.

His vision for the future success of his people made a tremendous impact on outstanding men and women who believed in his precepts and have developed his principles from the beginning of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the present day.

Because many of these outstanding leaders were members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, much of the history of the Negro in the United States and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is contained in The Christian Recorder, the oldest existing Negro periodical in America, and the only one in the United States that existed before the Civil War. From the beginning of its existence, The Christian Recorder has reflected the thinking of the black man, both learned and unlearned.

In 1836 a resolution was passed by the New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to establish a quarterly magazine. The first copy was printed in September, 1841, but was soon discontinued.

In 1848, a newspaper edited by Dr. Martin R. Delaney, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was purchased by the African Methodist Episcopal Church and called "The Christian Herald." In 1852 its publication was moved from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia and re-named The Christian Recorder.

The paper has not always been published regularly. There are many time breaks in publication and its size and price have often varied.

Among the archives in the museum at Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church at Sixth Street below Pine Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania are copies of The Christian Recorder which date back to 1854.

Following on this microfilm are recorded all of the holdings stored there. Our purpose is to preserve and make available to all the cultural heritage and opinions of a great people.

We are grateful for the counsel, suggestions, and hard work of those who have made major contributions to the completion of this microfilm. Mrs. Nell Irvin Painter for initiating the project; Mr. Peter Parker of the Pennsylvania Historical Society for counsel and guidance; Mrs. Ruby Chappelle Boyd, Vice-Chairman of the Mother Bethel Historical Commission, and Mr. Paul H. Vaughn, Liaison Officer to the Historical Commission from the Mother Bethel Board of Trustees, for coordinating the project; Dr. Augustus H. Able III, for arranging the materials; Mr. Arthur Brunson for vigilant guardianship; and most of all, to the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for providing the funds to make it all possible.

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MANUSCRIPT

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The records of Mother Bethel Church comprise a considerable body of various matter: First, because the Church is an old one; second, because the division of its corporate body into distinct, complementary halves, the secular and the spiritual, i.e., the Trustees as the controllers and managers of the property over against the Corporation and particularly within it, the Stewards and Leaders of the Class system through which the religious dynamism of the Church was promoted.

The Class system which was adopted in America directly from Wesley's masterful plan for the promotion of his Societies in England succeeded here as well as it did abroad. It emphasized lay participation, bound members to each other by frequent meetings in small groups, instructed them in the religious life, gave them fellowship, put them to common tasks and developed leadership. It fueled American Methodism for its great future; and for the African denomination when it emerged, was a particularly apt instrument for its people's development.

In keeping, the Bethel records for Stewards, Leaders and Classes are more numerous than those for the Trustees; and as a kind of appendix to them follow the records of a number of activities from benevolent societies to Sunday School. It must be remarked that the Corporation whose records are listed in this bibliography along with those of the Stewards and Leaders, embraced the entire membership of the Church in good standing, who had paid their annual "dollar money." The Classes were as a matrix within this enveloping body; for the same reason all other non-Trustee records are put together in one group as illustrating the totality of the membership in action.

As has just been hinted, in view of the diversity of materials, it has seemed reasonable to present the items, not upon a simple chronological thread but to classify related items together under a few different heads, keeping chronology, however, within each group.

The general plan as developed under this rationale, is as follows:

1. Books of general record
2. Minutes of the Trustees
3. Cash books and ledgers (pertaining to the Trustees)
4. Books relating to Leaders and Classes
Minutes of the Corporation, of the Board of Stewards,
of the Official Board, of the Quarterly Conference
5. Special organizations:
Benevolent Societies
Trial Books
Sunday School
Ushers' Association
Christian Endeavor
6. Miscellany
Pictures and objects interesting for their associations
Visitors' books

1. GENERAL RECORDS

There are three record books, two large and one smaller, of the sort manufactured as official church registers. The Historical Record (1760 - 1784) of the first volume is especially valuable because of the transcription of Richard Allen's autobiography. Also, the sharp distinction between probationary and full membership enforces the felt seriousness of the religious commitment. The second volume has a well-kept record of marriages (1890 - 1895) sociologically important because of its notation of employments. Also, under baptisms an entry indicates a Baptist-like option for immersion for those desiring it. Unfortunately these volumes give the impression at large of expensive books not used fully or consistently.

Record of Bethel AME Church

Historical Record 1760 - 1874

Church Record 1865 - 1874

large record book, n.p., Ms. entries Carlton and Porter, N.Y., 1864.

Record of Bethel AME Church

Historical Record 1890 - 1895

Church records 1880 - 1891

Marriages until 1902

large record book, n.p., Ms. entries Nelson and Phillips, N.Y., 1871

Roll Book of members, marriages and baptisms, Bethel AME Church, 1907-1912
church record book, n.p., Ms. entries
Eaton and Mains, Cinn., n.d.

2. MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES and CASH BOOKS

The Trustees, managing the property of the Church, receiving and paying out, cannot vie for interest with their Steward counterparts. However, as materials for the kind of sociological-economic studies in vogue today, the Minute books and Treasurer's books have their special value. It must be remarked, from the beginning these books, with small exception, were well-kept in a clean, sometimes finely expressive hand. It is worthy of note that the first receipt book dates from 1832, the year after Bishop Allen's death. The fledgling Church after the passing of its founder stood at the beginning of a new era.

Minutes and Financial Book of the Trustees, 1863 - 1894

large leatherbound copybook, n.p., Ms. c. 200 pp

Minutes of the Trustees, 1865 - 1878

disbound account book, Ms., c. 250 pp.

Minutes of the Trustees, 1878 - 1891

bound account book, Ms., 335 pp.

Minutes of the Building Committee (of the Trustees) for the present (fourth) building of Bethel AME Church, 1889 - 1890
copybook, p., Ms., 61 pp.

Minutes of the Board of Trustees, 1910 - 1933
large copybook, n.p., Ms., c.800 pp.

Minutes of the Trustees, 1937 - 1944
looseleaf notebook, Ms., c.100 pp.

Trustees of Bethel Church 1897 - 1899
Pages from a broken ledger, Ms..

3. CASH BOOKS and LEDGER pertaining to the Trustees)

Receipt Book by the Secretary of Bethel AME Church, 1832 - 1847
bound ledger, n.p., Ms.

Receipt Book for Bethel and Union AME Churches, 1840 - 1847
bound account book, n.p., Ms.

Finance Cash Book, 1890 - 1894
small ledger, pp. 1 - 83, Ms.

Treasurer's Receipts, 1894 - 1896
bound book of printed receipt forms, filled.

Finance Committee's Book, 1897 - 1903
small hardbound ledger, Ms., pp. 3 - 149.

Trustees of Bethel Church
Recelpts and Expenditures, 1897 - 1899
pages from a broken ledger.

Cash Book, 1909 - 1927
large ledger, Ms., pp 2 - 429

Financial Ledger of the Trustees, 1927 - 1942
large ledger, Ms., c. 400 pp.

4. BOOKS RELATING TO LEADERS AND CLASSES

Minutes of the Corporation, of the Board of Stewards, of the Official Board, of the Quarterly Conference.

The presence of Class books (i.e., lists of classes, their leaders and members) of dates down to 1901 seem to show that the Class system remained relatively intact at Bethel Church later than in many other churches. In fact, the rise of Christian Endeavor (see Other Activities) after 1902 would seem a substitutionary activity. However, since the conduct of the religious life of the Church remained vested in the active membership, the Minutes of the Stewards, Official Board, Quarterly Meeting and of the Corporation show them functioning as earlier, answering to the same problems, whether the preacher's salary, the Communion wine or money, for the indigent.

Recelpts of the Corporation of Bethel AME Church, 1846 - 1851
broken ledger, Ms., c.20 pp.

Minutes of the Official Board, Leaders and Stewards, 1848 - 1849
bound copybook, n.p., Ms..

An Account with the Leaders and Trustees, 1851 - 1858
bound account book, Ms..

Class Book, names and contributions, 1852 - 1854
bound, alphabetized record book, Ms..

Book of Classes and their Contributors, 1872 - 1894
broken, leatherbound ledger, Ms..

Roll of Classes in Bethel Church, 1874 - 1877
small ledger, n.p., Ms..

Minutes of the Board of Stewards, 1876
disbound account book, Ms., 8 pp.

Receipts of the Stewards, 1879 - 1886
broken account book, Ms., c. 50 pp.

Minutes of the Quarterly Conference, 1879 - 1891
Leatherbound copybook, Ms., pp. 1 - 258.

Minute Book of the Official Board, 1887 - 1890
small copybook, Ms., c. 150 pp.

Account Book of the Board of Stewards, 1887 - 1901
account book, Ms., 118 pp.

Book of Class Rolls, c 1890
small ledger, n.p., Ms.

Minute Book of the Official Board, 1890 - 1900
large copybook, Ms., c 45 pp.

Minutes of the Corporation, 1894 - 1950
large copybook, Ms., c. 500 pp.

Book: listing trustees, stewards, local preachers, class leaders and members, 1901
small ledger, n.p., Ms..

Minutes of the Corporation, Reports from the Trustees, 1951 - 1972
hardbound blank book, paged, Ms., pp 1 - 215

5. SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONS and ACTIVITIES

The records of these organizations include much socially suggestive material. For example, the minutes of the two early benevolent societies, one, a burial society (men), the other, for insurance money in sickness (women), present striking attempts at self-help through voluntary organization.

The minutes of the two "trial books" show attempts at enforcing the principles of the Discipline in matters both of sex morality and fair dealing upon those who by membership had professed to accept them. A last trial apparently was held in 1895. None of these records show rancor, and no doctrinal points are raised.

That the Sunday School had its rolls is not surprising; the Catalogue of its library, on the other hand, shows it in a progressive phase.

The rise of Christian Endeavor coincides with the same development on a huge national scale throughout Protestantism in the early part of this century.

Perhaps the best guide to the special organizations of the Church is provided by the Book of Membership: "Classes, Circles, Auxiliaries, Altar Guild, Ushers" Association, etc.", c. 1916.

Not to be overlooked is the Assignment of Ministers from Bethel Church for each week, 1839 - 1844, for an impressive indicator of the Church's growth through the whole Delaware Valley from the preaching stations steadily extended over the area.

Minutes of the Union Benevolent Sons of Bethel AME Church (a burial society) 1826 - 1844.
leatherbound copybook, n.p., Ms., c. 150 pp.

Minute and Trial Book, Bethel AME Church, 1822 - 1835, 1838 - 1851.
hardcover copybook, n.p., pp. written in, Ms..

Minute Book, United Daughters of Tapsico Society, 1837 - 1847
(a benevolent society for aiding sick members)
hardbound copybook, n.p., Ms.

Appointment of Ministers from Bethel AME Church. 1839 - 1844
(for each week to the mission churches)
hardbound copybook, n.p., Ms..

Minute Book of Bethel Church, 1859 - 1865
(record of trials)
Hardbound copybook, n.p., Ms..

Name of Scholars in the Sunday School
Catalogue of Books in the Sunday School Library, 1864
hardbound account book, Ms., c. 50 pp.

Sunday School Book, c. 1860
(names and attendance)
bound ledger, Ms..

Church Sunday School, 1934 - 1939
bound, alphabetized record, Ms..

Minutes of the Preachers' Association, Philadelphia Conference, 1897-1901
hardbound book, Ms., c. 390 pp.

Minutes of the Richard Allen Christian Endeavor, 1902 - 1910
copybook, Ms., 100 pp.

Book of Membership Rolls: classes, circles, auxiliaries,
Altar Guild, ushers, etc.
ledger, n.d. c. 1916, pp. 2 - 196.

Minute Book of the Ushers' Association, 1925 - 1930.
hardbound copybook, Ms., c. 280 pp.

Minutes, Ushers' Association, 1931 - 1941
hardbound copybook, Ms., c280 pp.

6. MISCELLANY

Certain objects and pictures helping to actualize the life of the Church have seemed worthy of inclusion: such as, Richard Allen's Bible (although broken and disordered) from which he preached, presented to him in 1802 by Thomas Garrett in whose family it had descended, a small 17th Century quarto, and the "love feast" tickets, two of them signed by Richard Allen.

Bible presented to Richard Allen, 1802

Three "love feast" tickets, 1818 and 1823.

"Free paper" for James Jacoby, 1840.

Program of events in Bethel Church, 1878 - 1901,
Souvenir book.

Solicitor's book, Grand Class Rally, 1892

Badge, Daughters of Allen, 1902.

Ordination of Bishops Beckett and Ross, 1916
printed pamphlet, n.p..

Burning of the Mortgage, 1945.
picture with identifications

Visitors Books, Registrations
1901 - 1909
1916 Centennial Conference
1923 - 1931
1931 - 1944
1947 - 1949
1960 - 1970

THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER

PRINT

The Christian Recorder, planned as a serial publication for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, began in 1854 to appear under the editorship of the Rev. J.P. Campbell. Even then apparently there was still delay, for the number of July 13 seems to have been the first although designated No. 16. The "every other week" paper of four pages then continued publication until March 4, 1856. Thereafter publication seems to have ceased until 1861 when in January under the editorship of Ellsha Weaver, the New Series, Vol. I, began. Now again The Christian Recorder was on the road as a four-page weekly printed on good paper under the continued editorship of the same Ellsha Weaver, Vol. I to Vol. VII, 1861 - 1867. During this period the Recorder seems to have been introduced into the South by distribution among the Negro regiments with some success. After the close of the Rebellion, the Recorder began to reflect the reach of the Church's missionary effort into the South and West, an effort so successful that eventually regional Recorders (Southern and Western) and in the end proved too competitive for the original Recorder in Philadelphia.

In connection with these beginnings it is worthy of note that it was the Recorder's first editor, the Rev. J.P. Campbell (one-time minister at Bethel Church and later Bishop of the Philadelphia area) who collected the volumes of the Recorder that now make up the Bethel Church collection. Not only did he retain them, but he went to the trouble of having them bound in the boards that have helped to preserve them. The grandson of Bishop Campbell, the Reverend J. Campbell Beckett, presented the Campbell Collection to Bethel Church; one of three collections of the Recorder known at present to exist; the other two being in the libraries of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, and Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana respectively.

In 1868 the editorship of the Recorder passed to Benjamin T. Tanner and remained with him through 1884, Vol. VIII to Vol. XXII, 1868 - 1884. This was a period of growth as might be adduced by the change in 1863 from the four-page weekly to an eight-page one, although this change could not be sustained because of the Recorder's small circulation which never rose above 5000 copies. The Recorder seems consistently to have enjoyed very good fortune in its editors; most of them became bishops, quite properly, one feels. Its rhetoric was always literate, its tone moderate. Outrages from the South were reported in purely factual terms: burnings of churches and parsonages, midnight visitations. Of course sermons were reproduced, but there was excellent reportage from correspondents all over the South and West. Their page of Communications, alas, has been the chief object of the ravishing wrought by so-called scholars upon so many numbers of the Recorder. Also, there are temperate and thoughtful reflections upon Negro problems even yet not finally resolved: for example, whether segregated schools are not best for Negro children because black teachers will understand and help them more than white teachers, particularly those in mixed classes; or again, whether an all-Negro church does not shut off its people from the larger Christian community.

In sum, the virtue of the Recorder lies not in its over religious role but in the picture it provides of the Negro situation over the country; from the tepid friendliness of at least some whites in the West, whether Cheyenne or Santa Fe, to the cry to freed Negroes, "Don't come to Mississippi."

Indeed this warning brings to mind one of the greatest features of the Recorder, the Information Wanted page that continued for years, week after week; inquiries about broken families, the enforced separations of parents, children, brothers, sisters, all relationships, all deriving from the Peculiar Institution of the Cotton Kingdom. These inquiries provide small glimpses of thousands of human tragedies and constitute a most impressive indictment of the Old South.

In 1885 the Rev. Benjamin F. Lee became editor of the Recorder and continued in that capacity through 1892, Vol. XXIII to Vol. XXX. In spite of a falling circulation Editor Lee was able to restore the 8-page paper that editor Tanner had been unable to maintain after the departure of his able business manager, H.M. Turner, in 1876. And the 8-page paper was continued by his successor, Dr. H.T. Johnson through all his years. But with Dr. Johnson's accession a curious thing, bibliographically, occurred in 1893: Vol. XXXI (January to May) inexplicably became Vol. XLI on May 4th. And at that point the troublesome phenomenon of volumes beginning at mid-year was set for the future. However the leap of ten volumes (XXXI to XLI) remains to be explained. Upon a reasonable explanation it would seem a bold attempt on the part of new editor Johnson to impose order, once for all, upon the volume series that from the beginning in 1854 followed by the hiatus of 1857 to 1860, through the New Series after 1861 with misnumbering within it (e.g., three volumes No. 9) had known omission and disorder. However the attempt seems to have been less than successful by the loss thereafter of any simple identification between volume and year.

Throughout the Recorder's history the printers' errors are numerous and maddening; increasingly so, not in respect to the text which remains surprisingly regular, but to the numbering of issues, pages and datelines. Accordingly often only the dateline (if one can be found) gives guide to an issue. Further, because the extensive vandalism practiced upon the Recorder most often fell on the first sheet (pages 1 and 2) where possibly only the masthead showed a date, the bibliographical problem has been compounded immeasurably. Still further the increasingly poor quality of the paper during the nineties has made those issues almost impossible to handle.

In conclusion, the solid worth of the Recorder has been impaired from three contributing sources: deteriorating paper, wild printing errors and the depredations of unethical readers, the last most of all. Nevertheless many perfect or almost perfect volumes remain; especially for the earlier decades, like a great monument, the Recorder proved too bulky for the barbarians utterly to destroy.

THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER
of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

"every other week", 4 pages

J. P. Campbell, editor

Book Committee of the A.M.E. Church, publisher

Volume I, 1854 - 1856
No's 1 through 15 missing (if published)
No. 16, July 13, 1854 through No. 39, March 4, 1856
(No's 17 and 24 missing by removal)

New Series

Volume I	1861
Weekly, 4pp. cumulative paging Elisha Weaver, editor No. 1 missing (if published) No. 2, January 19 to No. 51, December 28	
Volume II	1862
No. 1, January 4 to No. 52, December 27	
Volume III	1863
No. 1, January 3 to No. 52, December 26	
Volume IV	1864
No. 1, January 2 to No. 52, December 31	
Volume V	1865
No. 1, January 7 to No. 52, December 30	
Volume VI	1866
No. 1, January 6 to No. 52, December 29	
Volume VII	1867
No. 1, January 3 to No. 52, December 28	
Volume VIII	1868
Weekly, 4pp. cumulative paging Benjamin T. Tanner, editor No. 1, January 14 to No. 39, December 26 This full year is found in two places within the same binding, the first half of Volume IX being bound in between.	
Volume IX	1869
No. 1 January 16 to No. 16, May 22 The remaining numbers of Vol. IX proceed under a new cumulative numbering system and are bound separately. No. 418, June 12 to No. 445, December 18	
Volume IX (should be Volume X)	1870
No. 447, January 1 to No. 498, December 31	

Volume IX (should be Volume XI) No. 499, January 7 to No. 534, December 25	1871
Volume X No. 1, January 27 to No. 41, December 28 The old numbering plan is reinstituted.	1872
Volume XI No. 1, January 2 to No. 52, December 25 The change from a 4 page to an 8 page issue begins.	1873
Volume XII No. 1, January 8 to No. 52, December	1874
Volume XIII No. 49 (1), January 7 to No. 52, December 30	1875
Volume XIV No. 1, January 6 to No. 51, December 27	1876
Volume XV No. 52, January 4 to No. 68, April 5 No. 15, April 12 to No. 52, December 27 The 8 page paper was reduced to 4 pages as formerly with the April 12 issue.	1877
Volume XVI No. 1, January 3 to No. 52, December 26	1878
Volume XVII Missing	1879
Volume XVIII No. 1, January 1 to No. 53, December 30 Supplement, Proceedings General Conference Volume 1, No's 1 to 19.	1880
Volume XIX No. 1, January 6 to No. 52, and Supplement, December 27 The 4 pages were reduced to 2 unpagged sheets.	1881
Volume XX No. 1, January 5 to No. 52, December 28	1882
Volume XXI No. 1, January 4 to No. 52, December 27	1883
Volume XXII No. 1, January 3 to No. 52, December 25	1884
Volume XXIII Weekly, 2 sheets unpagged Benjamin F. Lee, editor No. 1, January 1 to No. 53, December 31	1885
Volume XXIV No. 1 January 7 to No. 49, December 30	1886

Volume XXV No. 1, January 6 to No. 34, August 25 No. 35, September 1 to No. 52, December 29 With the September 1 issue return is made to the 8 page paper begun by B.T. Tanner in 1873 and dropped in mid-1877.	1887
Volume XXVI No. 1, January 5 to No. 52, December 27	1888
Volume XXVII No. 1, January 3 to No. 52, December 26	1889
Volume XXVIII No. 1, January 2 to No. 52, December 25	1890
Volume XXIX No. 1, January 1 to No. __, December 31	1891
Volume XXX Missing.	1892
Volume XXXI Weekly 8 pages Dr. H.T. Johnson, editor No. 1, January 5 to No. 21, April 27	1893
Volume XLI No. 1, May 4 to No. 35, December 28	1893
Volume XLI No. 36, January 4 to No. 52, April 26	1894
Volume XLII No. 1, May 2 to No. 35, December 27	1894
Volume XLII No. 35, January 7 to No. 52, April 25	1895
Volume XLIII No. 1, May 2 to No. 35, December 26	1895
Volume XLIII No. 36, January 2 to No. 53, April 30	1896
Volume XLIV No. 1, May 7 to No. 34, December 31	1896
Volume XLIV No. 35, January 7 to No. 52, May 6	1897
Volume XLV No. 1, May 13 to No. 35, December 30	1897
Volume XLV No. 36, January 6 to No. 57, June 2	1898

Volume XLVI No's 1 to 5 are not found. No. 6, June 9 to No. 35, December 9	1898
Volume XLVI No. 36, January 5 to No. 51, April 20	1899
Volume XLVII No. 1, April 27 to No. 35, December 28	1899
Volume XLVII No. 36, January 4 to No. 52, April 26	1900
Volume XLVIII No. 1, May 3 to No. 35, December 27	1900
Volume XLVIII No. 36, January 3 to No. 52, April 15	1901
Volume XLIX No. 1, April 25 to No. 40, December 26	1901
Volume XLIX No. 41, January 2 to No. 52, March 20	1902
Volume L No. 1, March 27 to No. 40, December 25	1902

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No. 52, December 26

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EXPOSITORY.

—I am on the brink of life.

JOHN W. B.

Of all the chapters in the Bible, there

is probably no one in which there have

been more occasions for difference than

the sixteenth chapter of John. Nor are

the differences more numerous than in

the only one of the four Gospels in

which the differences are not

regarded as at least natural. In this

chapter we have, as the world has long

known, a light thrown upon the

memorable and mysterious Feast on that

night when He was betrayed—a feast

the significance of which is the

fulfillment of the prophecy of the

Rodentier. "We shall find," says

Cardinal Wiseman, "more persons brought

to the feast than the Catholic, as

he understood it, by satisfying their

curiosity as to the feast, than the

actual number of those who were

present." The feast, then, being

of such importance, it is not

surprising that it should have been

the subject of so much controversy.

And it is gratifying to know that

in not a few instances, has been

renewed research has found out that

the feast was not a feast of the

Passover, but a feast of the

Feast of the Unleavened Bread.

With Paul we might say, "the time

would fall on us," were we to strike

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LOCAL COLUMN.

The special collector at Bethel Church on Sunday footed up a \$100.00.

COLORED MEN ELECTED.

5th Ward to the front. Jas. Needham elected school director and George Cornelius, Constable, and Frank Jones, School director in 8th ward.

BETHEL LITERARY SOCIETY.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 19, Bethel Literary Society held a meeting at the church.

A PLEASANT GATHERING.

Monday evening, February 19th, an informal gathering was held at the home of Mr. A. M. E. Chapel.

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CARPENTERS' PICTURE OF THE EMANCIPATION.

THE SPIRIT OF THE REFORMATION.

ON THE 14th of August, 1862, the carpenters of the city of New York, in the hall of the City of New York, held a public meeting for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. The hall was crowded with people, and the atmosphere was one of solemnity and joy.

The meeting was opened by the Rev. Dr. John H. Stoen, who read the Emancipation Proclamation. He then delivered a sermon on the subject of the "Spirit of the Reformation." His sermon was a powerful and inspiring one, and it was well received by the audience.

After the sermon, the carpenters sang several hymns, and then a resolution was passed. The resolution was that the carpenters of the city of New York would henceforth be known as the "Carpenters of the Emancipation." This resolution was a significant one, as it was the first time that the carpenters of the city of New York had ever taken a public stand on a political issue.

The meeting closed with a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Stoen, and then the carpenters dispersed. The day was a memorable one for the carpenters of the city of New York, and it was a day that they will never forget.

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At the conclusion of the speech there was applause on the floor and in the galleries.

MR. STONER'S POSITION ON THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Stoner, of Georgia, then proceeded to deliver a speech on the subject of the "United States." His speech was a powerful and inspiring one, and it was well received by the audience.

He began by saying that the United States was a great and powerful nation, and that it was one that was destined to be a leader in the world. He then went on to say that the United States was a nation that was founded on the principles of liberty and justice for all, and that it was a nation that was destined to be a leader in the world.

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OUR NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

A \$6.00 NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

COIN SILVER TABLEWARE GIVEN AWAY.

TO EVERY SUBSCRIBER OF THIS PAPER!

SILVER TEASPOONS AND BUTTER-KNIFE.

DELIVERED TO YOU FREE.

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Mrs. Rebecca Steward.

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OUR CHURCH NEWS.

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GRAND CONFERENCE.

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MORTGAGES AND RENTS COLLECTED.

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CORNER OF BROADWAY AND ATLANTIC AVENUE, CANADIAN.

FOREST CITY Restaurant.

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General W. T. Sherman to the Executive Mansion, where the Cabinet were sitting. A consultation between the two laymen and President Grant concerning Louisiana affairs, took place, and the contract for Feb. 26, by Mr. Charles

The brethren will see the old LITTLE ROCK has been taken out of paper. The Manager proposes to start a new one. So come, send in your names, and let your members have good reading.

one who was a faithful member of our church for the last eight or nine years. Mr. Lunking Cook died Feb., 7th, 1878. He was a faithful steward and a good friend to the A. M. E. Church. He was single, and he died to the full triumph of faith, and he leaves a wife and five children.

Newman, Ga., } H. T. CANNILE.
February 1878. }

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H. M. TURNER.

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Our Church News.

Rev. Geo. Davis.
Mr. Editor:—I have just been appointed to this charge. I arrived on the 10th inst., and on the 17th I held a great revival service, and up to this time (several days) a large number have been converted. From now on, I shall devote all my time to the church, and will be accompanied with room and board, as great as the interest.

Rev. J. A. Stewart.
Mr. Editor:—Our church is not doing well, just now, on account of the winter. We have not many members, but the Lord is on our side. We have those that give the church trouble all the time.

Our Sunday School is doing pretty well. We are getting ready for Conference. We tried to get a new pastor, but to our regret, we have not been able to secure one. We are now waiting for the Lord to send us a pastor. We are now waiting for the Lord to send us a pastor. We are now waiting for the Lord to send us a pastor.

Rev. W. H. Brown.
Mr. Editor:—Coming to this point I found no society. I started on the 1st of March, and on the 1st of April, I found that there were no members in the A. M. E. church, and that number all but a few belonged to the M. E. church.

Rev. J. C. Fisher.
Mr. Editor:—I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that the church here is still moving on. The Lord is working a mighty work in this part of his vineyard. About twenty new converts and members to the church have been made during the past few weeks.

Rev. Richard J. Brooks.
Mr. Editor:—I am happy to say that our last quarterly conference closed on the 3rd. Our beloved pastor, John B. Scott, was with us, and we had a glorious service in the morning, and a short discourse by the pastor. In the afternoon the ministerial brethren met in conference, and the pastor presided.

For the Christian Recorder.
A MISTAKE.
BY LEVI WALKER.
Mr. Editor:—I wish to say to all of our friends that there is a great mistake in our North Georgia Annual Conference minutes, especially in the financial reports. I, Levi Walker, of the district where it is reported, will not be responsible for the mistake. I, Levi Walker, of the district where it is reported, will not be responsible for the mistake.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.
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INFORMATION WANTED.
Information wanted of James Maher, formerly of Petersburg, Va. by his brother, J. M. Maher, 1008 Rodney St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sunday School

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Official Notices.

EPISCOPAL NOTICE FROM THE
BISHOP OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
TO THE MINISTERS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

First Episcopal District—Philadelphia, New Jersey, New York and New England Conferences—Bishop Payne.

Second Episcopal District—Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island.

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the courage that would flush before him the
social prejudice deserves not to be
condemned by good *infinitives*.

He said: "The witless of it (Whidly
don't appreciate the views and feel-
ings of Sunday School workers North or
South. He gave a purely personal
view." &c. Whidly, addressing Dr.
Harris said, "The wrongs of the situa-
tion are too prominent to thus to write you."
The Doctor reconciles the two state-
ments. If Whidly was ignorant of the
situation, it may be shown that he is
not prejudiced and prejudicial; if he was not
prejudiced the Doctor is responsible for
his own ill-advised ascription.

He article continues: "The negro
people" resub at once in "fact," and
an indignation meeting was held in the
city of which the colored dele-
gates were a "citizen" &c. I will return
these statements while considering
summary of 10 "facts," which the
dele proceeded to set forth, in their
order.

The suggestion of the Atlanta com-

are more valuable, and the committee is distinctly anxious in this note, "I do not name identities to the committee." This first fact will show its character when we examine the reason given: "I have not named names to the committee." Here the subject to the committee is, "I am not naming names." The subject is changing for having dealings every day with it during the convention at the college building, to give them the benefits of the meetings. I have not named names to the committee for fear of damaging effect in getting letters to the Doctor in the future. The subject refers to the committee about Mr. Arnett, evidently, proposes to prove it by the quotation. But the quotation plainly has reference to the "meetings at colored churches." I claim therefore, that fact is not in violation of the rule.

Fact No. 2.—The suggestion was made and confessed to be an "inappropriate" publication of the private letters of the Atlanta committee was an act of disctesy." Does the Doctor think the public eye

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he will become indignant; if a menial, he may assume a caustic attitude beneath the lash of injustice. That "the indignation resulting from the treatment of a great man is treated for the purpose of great utility to the gentlemen of color" seems base to its utterance. What more fitting place than the home of Mr. Arnett for such a meeting? What more fitting mode of hurrying back the insult into the face of the offender than to place him at the place, not the mode that is the cause of the complaint. The central figure in the play is a negro seeking (7) eye, obtaining victory. The same indignation and the same consigning to the press of such confidential letters by *another* man would have been an exalted token of manhood.

I hold as selfish and contemptible, the spirit that would hush the cry of outraged humanity. It is the spirit that has sought to smother the violence and brutality of all the past, and now know it better than the writer gives evidence of the weakness of his defense when he de-

Share the motive of the procedure to be political and partisan. The folly of placing upon political grounds the just cause and denunciation which the public press is so ready to accept, discredits the cause. The success of the Sabbath School Convention, needs but to be mouthed to be seen.

For the Christian Recorder.

SOCIETIES.

BY REV. J. MICHAM.

MR. EDITOR:—From a careful observation, it appears that a majority of the large churches and some of the small ones are becoming more interested in their benevolent or boundary societies than they are in the church. As a proof of the above statement, you go to their societies on the sabbath, applying for prayer, call our preaching meeting, and you will find their seats filled in their societies but vacant in the church. They are hardly ever too tired to go to their societies. They will give their

time and money and attention to help the societies in preference to the church.

In the time of a protracted meeting, if a score of sinners are down at the altar pleading for mercy, those faithful workers for Christ and his cause have no time to stop and pray for sinners; they will pass by the church door, but no time to go in. They say by their actions that sinners may go to hell for all they care. The reason for such course of living is because they consider that their societies need more important than the Church of Christ; or else the church has run itself, for they have no money to spare to help pay church debts. When they come to the end of the time collections are being taken up they will not give down 10 cents and take out 6 or 8 cents. I am becoming more and

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MAN OUR BROTHER

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one. Summerett is at present
one of the Cincinnati and South-
and from what I could learn,
is so happy that everything

to be useful that everything is lost up to there. The first place to go to was Devilville, the seat of learning in Kentucky, two colleges located in that deaf and dumb asylum. Presently is pastor of our church it can truthfully be said that of the coming young men of Kentucky Conference. Sunday, was a great day in Harlan. It was the occasion of the of the church. The day was and early in the morning began to come in, and by 11 the town appeared to be filled with people. The church has been for many years, but had never been so full. Brother O. P. Klose, the pastor, is officers, closed to have it a success for the church.

Friday morning I called at Nicholas and held service at 11 o'clock. A good turn out for Monday. I then called at Lexington to see J. W. Ashley, and addressed him and his wife. The next day I called at Cincinnati, Ohio, and at the residence of Brother Maxwell at Walnut Hills. The people are very much interested in the cause, and he has many converts. I then called at

thman, Elder Yeman met me, and conveyed to me the call, which I very thankfully accepted. The local with whom I stayed had a fine black horse, and we took great pleasure in driving the animal to the site of the night school. The address of the congregation at our church this morning I left for Frankfurt, and after spending one night, I left Balubidre, Ohio, and on Sunday, April 29, I dedicated their church.

At 10 o'clock, I left for the residence of J. W. Lewis, his home being in the town of New Hope, Ky. Mrs. Lewis, of Chillicothe accompanied him.

On Monday, April 29, 1878.

CHICAGO CONFERENCE ITEMS.

Bro. Wayman will dedicate a new church at Balper, on Tuesday, June 30th, at 10 o'clock. The pastor of the church is to be the re-opening of the church in Balper, on June 22d, W. B. Coleman.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE ITEMS.

Bro. S. Smith, of Tennessee Conference, has been elected to the office of A. M. of the church, he being the A. M.

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every body has more in reality than they are allowed to have. It is therefore impossible. I am now willing to take this step, in the hope that the friends of the cause will be enabled to do the same. I am now willing to work up an enterprise of my own organization. Should the Congress be called, I will be ready to go. I will not let my church, I am sure, be the only one to suffer. I will be only too happy to see the cause of the colored people advanced.

I neglected to say that the Beth-
lehem congregation, Baltimore, have by a
major vote tendered the church to
be used as a school for the colored people.

**MEETINGS AT WILBER-
FORCE UNIVERSITY.**

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Sunday Morning, June 16th, Race
at sermon, President B. F. Lee,
Sunday Evening, 7 o'clock, An-
thony, Bishop J. P. Campbell,
L. L. D., of Philadelphia; Monday
evening, June 17th, university of
the South, President, Dr. Knappe,
President of the University of the

Free and invited guests will
take of dinner together. An address
by H. T. Towner, D.D; Subject,
"The Power of the Press as an Educa-
tional Agent." Time to be announced.
The Annual meeting of the Alumni
will occur at 4 o'clock, p.m.
Thursday evening, June 29th, 1878.
Conclude the supper of Miss S. C.
Clark and A. E. Clark.

**PROGRAM OF THE DEDICATION OF
YALE UNIVERSITY, THURSDAY
EVENING, JUNE 29th, 1878.**

7 o'clock—Dr. John. Bishop. A MS

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the school numbers ninety-three of them made speeches which credit to all. I must not forget to mention Miss Mary Daly, who was elected to the school, Queen of the May. A noble worker in the Sunday School is well worthy of the honor of twelve having arrived, was thanked for the purpose of refreshing themselves with the good things that God and friends had provided for the children. Everybody had plenty to eat. There were several baskets of fruit. Everybody amused themselves with singing and talking, after which, assembled, for the purpose of

Upon his lengthening bed he shouted for
to God, and preached to the last;
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Jordan, the last river, and was ready
willing to go to his happy home. With
pleasure in saying when Brother J.
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his storm is severely strong.

Spring Branch.

M. C. RITTS:—I was appointed to
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the minister, has considered your list of servants worthy of the post. I named above, we shall therefore endeavor (in his absence) to promote all orders, and answer all communications connected with the business of this department, as far as our limited ability will permit. We will endeavor to economize and extend the affairs of the Concern, as much as possible, and the help of God, and your aid, to be his Port, and if possible to assist in such and manner to make this department a success.

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was very good indeed. This school is one

of the best in the State.

The exercises of the school being over,

addresses were delivered by the before-

mentioned persons. The addresses were

short and to the point. Rev. A. J. Ker-

showed strongly on education and

referred to the great work of Christian-

izing Africa. "For," said he, "this

work belongs exclusively to us." By a

motion of Miss Maggie Davidson, a

vote of thanks was tendered to the speakers,

after which the school adjourned.

At 1 o'clock having arrived, according

to service commenced. Rev. S. L. Miles

preached from the following words:—

"Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done."

The speaker analyzed clearly the text,

and showed the infinite power of God to

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the house at night, when the Rev. H.

M. Turner, D. D., came south and

preached from these hills and mountains,

and through persecution and hardship,

when men were seeking for God

through all of this state, our great

church was put on foot by him. So we

must keep the banner up.

For the Christian Recorder.

VALHUSTA DISTRICT MEETING.

BY REV. HOBSON SMITH.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me to

inform you many readers of the Dis-

trict Meeting of the Valhusta District,

which convened on Saturday, May 25,

1878, at 9 o'clock A. M. in the Court

House at Waycross, which was given

by the white people. The Presiding

Elder, John C. and not able to attend.

Rev. M. Dillard, Elder of the Valhusta

District, was elected Chairman. After

a short but eloquent address by the

Chairman, religious exercises were con-

ducted by the Rev. M. Dillard. Bro.

Hugh Hutchins was elected Secretary.

Thomas Hutchins Assistant Secretary.

Rev. Morgan Smith, Reporter for the

Christian Recorder.

Rev. M. Dillard being Chairman, he

explained very clearly throughout the

text concerning the work and Dillard

Alamy, and instructed the brethren to

try to carry up more dollar money this

year than ever they had.

Committee reported on Local Pre-

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WHAT CAMEH FOR THE NEGRO?

BY PRESIDENT R. V. HATHFIELD, DEKA.

(Devoted to the Christian Recorder.)

The subject of the Christian Recorder

of Lexington, Va. at the last Annual

meeting of the American Missionary

Association, was regarded as a paper of

great importance. It is important be-

cause it exhibits the views of a large

class of intelligent, earnest, progressive

liberal-minded Southern Christians, who

more than any others, have in their

hands the destiny of the colored popu-

lation of the South. It is my privilege

to reckon a considerable number of this

class among my friends; and from my

position, it is impossible not to be great-

ly interested in the

o'clock in the evening. Mr. Stevie church is stupidly grand. I would here attempt a description, any thing to say that the basement is in scriptural notities. At the Staviour is painted life-size with herald's and in his hand with the "I am the good Shepherd." the whole day the choir gave us the most soul-stirring music, some of the sanest hymns, also anthems some of the most celebrated anti-music.

something more about Brother Joshua

July. May we have the prayers of the whole church for our success.

Lebanon, Ohio, May 1878.

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T. CHURCH, Secy.

the more willing to take this step, view of the fact, that I am chiming with trying to work up an enterprise for my own aggrandizement. Should such a Congress be called, however, the progressive men of our church am sure it will result in infinite good and hundreds will be only too happy to attend it. H. M. TUNNICLIFFE.

P. S.—I neglected to say that Big Hill congregation, Baltimore, have by unanimous vote tendered the church the use of said Congress.

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Third Quarter

Lesson for the Third Quarter
Lesson VI.

A. D. 27. (Aug. 15)

The Widow of Naim, on the Compassionate

Reverend.

Luke 7: 11-17. Commit to memory

verses 13-15.

12 And it came to pass the day after, that

he went into a city called Naim; and many

of his disciples went with him, and much

people.

13 Now when he came into the gate of the

city, behold, there was a dead man carried

on a bier, the only son of his mother, and

she was a widow, and much people of the

city were with her.

14 And when the Lord saw her, he had

compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep

not.

15 And she came and touched the Lord's

feet, and kissed them, and wiped them with

her hair, and said, Lord, thou art the Christ.

16 And he said unto her, Thy faith hath

made thee whole. And he raised up the dead

man, and gave him to her.

17 And all the multitude glorified and

praised God, saying, We have seen great

things today.

18 And he said unto her, Blessed art thou,

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Minister of the A. M. E. Church

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But when it is opened, and withered,
And you still sit there in your thorns,
Lift up with you your weary limbs,
Take it out of the garden tomb.
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The smell of a thousand roses,
An hour in a garden of roses,
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John Blye:

The Trials and Triumphs of a White-
Washer's Son.

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CHAPTER VII.

THE LATE OF TIME.

John continued at school until the vacation. He had it at times a little rough, but as any other boy would, but upon the whole he got along about as well as if he had not been black.

He had his special friends (just as the other scholars had), and being truthful and upright in his conduct he stood his ground unflinchingly among the boys. Two or three things may be remarked here: true manliness is always respected, and it springs from being truthful and upright. Cowardice always belongs to those who are untruthful, deceitful and vicious.

Even among boys and children those who are open and frank are most cordially liked by their playfellows. White people are not so hard as is sometimes thought. When becoming acquainted with their association they are found to be pretty much like any body else. John was at first a little surprised by some as though he was some curious and repulsive animal, but he had now as many intimate friends as any boy in school.

He was considered a pretty smart boy by most of the boys of his age and size. He could run well and leap well, and was expert with the ball and bat, and then he was always well supplied with the usual paraphernalia of the school boy, for his father told him that he had better make as many friends as possible with the boys, for we get along better in life by having the good esteem of many friends. He said he must remember that while the other boys had brothers, cousins and uncles, as well as friends of their own race to protect and defend them, he was alone, having no one but his father to look to.

His mother also distilled into his heart the principle of making himself worthy of the friendship of the good. Besides all this John was quite an intelligent boy. His father and mother were intelligent. In those days the studies of the school room were hardly so diversified as now; they were not so analytical and progressive as almost every thing is now called, and besides his Mitchell's Geography and Atlas, his Gould Brown's Grammar and his Pictorial History, John was pretty good at "cyphering," and many a "sum" did he "do" for the boys who were not.

John had the habit, too, young as he was, of taking care of the weakly one, the least among them always ran for John when in trouble. He was especially careful of little Teeny Holloway. Perhaps this is a peculiarity of the character of black people—that they are compassionate towards the weakly and blind. If it is so it is a very lovely trait. And why may it not be set down to their credit even for all? Surely no people have a keener sensitiveness to others' feelings and miseries. How readily do their lips part in smiles when their kind and gentle words convey sympathy to the listener. No people have a keener appreciation of music and paintings. The most uneducated will wake the sweet sounds of melody or gaze in admiration upon a cheap print or an oil painting. Perhaps to make up for a rough exterior in the race the Creator has endowed them with finer sentiments.

Vacation day came and John found himself as great a favorite as any one. On the good bye he got as many invitations to "come to my house" as any of them, and was connected with as many proposed fishing, swimming and berrying parties as any boy in the crowd.

John was now nearing his tenth year and his parents began to be concerned about fitting him for useful employment. Many a time had they conversed upon the subject and discussed the various trades and occupations which they would like him to have.

In the Northern States it has always been a difficult matter for black persons to acquire mechanical trades; and the most of them found following trades now-a-days, are those who have learned them in the South for the profit of their owners, and then reached the North, where they have been able to give them to others. Comparatively few of the black boys of the North, or even here, are apprenticed to trades by white men. Even the colored farmers, as a general rule, graduate under colored masters.

In the Northern villages, however, where the population is small and where both foreigners and colored people are few the chances for a black boy to get a trade from white men are better than they are in the large cities.

The town that Mr. Blye lived in, though small, contained several manufacturing, among which were those of wooden goods, mule, glass, agricultural implements, &c., as well as several machine shops and foundries which afforded

employment for the principal part of the laboring population. John, with numbers of his schoolmates had been around among these "factories" many a time on Sundays, and now that vacation had come, he spent many an hour playing in the vicinity of one and another of them, and watching the men at their work; but his greatest delight was to get under the engine room, and watch the working of the mighty engines.

He would stand for an hour leaning against the railing, with one hand resting upon the other, watching the hoisting, lifting and shifting of the masterpiece of man's inventive genius. The men would speak kindly to him, though often making him the object of some little joke.

It soon learned the cylinder, the piston head, the starting pin, the steam chest, the pump, the boiler, the fly-wheel, the master-wheel, &c., and the oil engineer at the mill was used to answer his childish questions about the engine with kindly carelessness.

The old man, like all good engineers, was proud of his engine and told John it was very powerful, nearly two hundred horse power, and explained to him what a horse power meant.

One evening after tea, John said to his father, "I wish I could be an engineer!" "Do you think you could run a steam engine?" said his father smiling.

"No, sir," said John, "but I would like to learn how, so that when I get to be a man, I can run a big engine like Mr. Custer does."

"That is a big engine that Mr. Custer runs, and you will have to learn how to be a man before you can run as big as that," said Mr. Blye.

"I'm going to make use, too," said John with boyish fervor.

"You can't make an engine," said John's mother, playfully.

"Yes, I can, if I can get something to make it with."

A boy soon learns what a pocket knife is good for. It is good for cutting out top-springs from pieces of leather, it is handy in making pop-guns and it is a useful thing in repairing play wagons.

John thought he could turn his little good account in constructing a trial engine, so he went about with the usual boyish results. Cylinder after cylinder was made from various kinds of tin cans, lead pipe and the like. Day after day, he whittled away upon piston rods, piston heads, levers, &c.

Boys are not always satisfied with their efforts until by active experiment they demonstrate that they will work. Experiment is a far better than theory with a boy and John was not to be satisfied until he had constructed a "factory" or at least an engine room, with furnace boiler and engine all complete, back of his father's woodshed.

An old tin kettle had been made into a boiler, a lead pipe had been attached to it to conduct the steam to the steam-chest which was an old tin can covered with a wooden lid from which a defect in the whistle in the cylinder.

Many a fishing excursion had to be given up in order that he might complete his "factory." Every place of paper he came across that had the picture of a steam engine on had been carefully saved and the picture duly studied. At length, towards the close of the vacation, the "factory" was completed to John's satisfaction, all but one thing. The only element that was lacking was the steam. John knew it was going to go. To get the steam he must simply start the fire under the boiler.

John's father and mother had watched his zeal and industry and his pertinacity in building his play factory with some degree of pleasure, for they thought they saw in it hopeful signs of persistence and tenacity of purpose, which they had rather encourage, and many an evening had they laughed together over his mishaps in his construction when John was in his bed and perhaps dreamed of the beautiful working of his engine. All at last a fatal day came to John, when his mother must be started. Nothing had been said to his parents about it. He was going to surprise his mother by having her come out directly and see his engine under full operation.

The furnace was filled with shavings and chips, and a fire kindled. John was impatient, and the water to boil and ran off more chips and shavings.

What was his surprise and terror to come back and find his "factory" burning down, and the woodshed on fire!

Frightened out of his senses he screamed and rushed into the fire to scatter his boiler and engine about, hardly knowing when his mother caught him out of the fire and bore him to his house, and his father and his hair and a part of his clothes burned off. The woodshed was consumed, and poor John, with his hopes of becoming a great engineer all blasted, was laid upon a sick bed.

Alas for boyish calculations! How often it is that the calculations of men, too, come to just such disastrous terminations.

Boys are not the only human beings who their unbridled efforts meet with just such unexpected and astonishing results.

For days John's life was despaired of, and it was long, notwithstanding the soothing care of his parents, before he could think with any pleasure upon steam engines.

But the lapse of time brought the end of the vacation and the beginning of school days again.

It was some weeks before John was sufficiently recovered to go to school but when at last he resumed his school and class he was as glad as the other boys to get to school again.

"Oh, I'm right well now," said John, looking a little sheepish.

Miss Bell received him very kindly and gave him a seat with a new boy, who had not been to school before.

This boy began at once to exhibit feelings of antagonism towards John, and was destined to become a source of trouble and trial to him. This boy was about fourteen years old, of a bullying disposition, self-willed, and sullen manner. His name was Ned Gallagher.

A fourteen-year-old boy had in him about the worst kind of a bad boy.

It was Ned's first day, when John got up to recite in his class, to attach a dirty piece of rag, which he got, nobody knows where, to the tail of John's coat.

As John went up the aisle with the dirty rag wriggling at his tail, Ned took pains that the scholars should see it and laugh at it.

Miss Bell discovered it and quietly removed it without saying anything. The next thing for Ned to do was to prepare a bent pin or "pin trap" to "catch" him in when he should take his seat.

This succeeded admirably, for when John took his seat he set his foot immediately upon the point of the pin. Ned had known this "trap" to a number of boys near him and they were all waiting with breathless impatience for this important moment.

John sprang up with an agility that was to their entire satisfaction, and exclaimed with an outburst of agony, "ouch!"

The boys roared. Miss Bell sprang to her feet, her face flushed and eyes in hand.

"What's that, what's that, silence!" said she.

"Is John Blye, is John Blye," rang out a half-dozen voices.

"John Blye, come here, sir. Can't you do without making such a noise as that?" said Miss Bell, burning with anger.

"Something stuck in me," said John, beginning to cry.

"Are you such a big baby that you must cry out that way? A body would think you were half killed."

"I did not," said John, choking back his sobbing and bracing himself up.

"Well, I'll learn you to think on another occasion; hold out your hand," John held out his hand truthfully. Miss Bell looked into his manly eye and she was dumbfounded by fear or cowardice in him.

Miss Bell took the pin, and holding it up asked, "who did this?"

Nobody answered.

Miss Bell was now thoroughly angry, and with her finger in her hand she proceeded down the aisle to John's seat.

"If I am not informed who did this I shall punish every boy in school excepting John Blye," said Miss Bell with determination.

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judges of those who are the proper persons to share his hospitality. It appears that the opposition, set up by the Archbishop, did the cause much good, as Bishop Holly's church realized between six and seven hundred dollars.

The Roman priests have done their best here as well as elsewhere, to keep the Bible out of the hands of the people.

We were informed by an aged woman who lives in this city, that one day she was reading the Bible, when a priest entered her house, and pretending that he was alarmed at the spectacle, and of God, snatching it from her hands, and immediately charged her not to read the word of God, as it was a sufficient reason, that it would make her lazy.

A gentleman here, one day in search of some Bibles entered one of the principal book stores, asked for what he wanted, to whom the proprietor responded, "the Bible is the only book the priest forbids us to keep."

But it is not gratifying to know in this respect, a change is gradually taking place. The works of the great Catholic writers, which were once the only books of the people, are now being read by the people.

The most liberal and enlightened are Catholics here, but without exception they are all in favor of the Bible.

The people are Roman Catholics who are in the majority here, and they are ready to help whenever we are ready to commence the work.

Rev. Bird, the Wesleyan Missionary, received for his school a monthly appropriation of three hundred dollars from the government.

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building a large house, we must move step by step. So it is in getting an education. We first attempt to learn and memorize each letter of the alphabet, next to spell and pronounce properly, afterward to read and articulate distinctly, in order that we may understand well all the higher branches of studies. Education is the right hand supporter of Christianity. Education is the treasure of the mind, and is equal to a million dollars in a poor man's pocket. It cannot be bought or sold, neither can it be taken for debt. You may be poor and the sheriff come in your house and sell your furniture at auction or take your land or drive away your cow, but he cannot lay his hands upon the treasure of the mind, neither can it be given away, although you give enough of it to fill a thousand minds. Suppose that there were a thousand millions of human beings on the earth with you, each holding in his hand an unlighted lamp capable of holding as much oil as you and giving the same light. Suppose these millions should come to you and give you light each his lamp, would they rob you of any light? Would less of it shine on your own pathway? Would your light shine more dimly for lighting a thousand millions? Yes, this precious and infinite treasure was gained step by step. We as students should remember the counsel given to the artist, "who lay reclining upon his couch and wondering what the fates would work out for him, directing his attention to a block of uncut marble, a chisel lying by his side. The angel in the vision of the dream, is represented as thus addressing him:

"There is the marble, there is the chisel, take it and work it to thy will. Once thou hast done thy duty, thou shalt find strength and skill."

As with the marble, so with our minds. The chisel must be handled by ourselves; and it is the little things that give the solid stone character and grace.

And now let us march on, watching every step, and keeping our minds attentive to the little duties of each hour.

And dear friends we do thank you for your appreciative attention, and hope that your kindly interest will spur us on to quick advancement.

To you, our worthy President and your kind associates, we return many thanks for every care, and again we shall credit your labor with our time.

Our scholars, let us close up the labors of this year with a determination that our course may be onward step by step.

Branchville, S. C.

For the Christian Recorder.

NOTICE, MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

The coming session of our conference promises to excel all previous sessions in interest, therefore it should be the pride of its members to do all in their power to contribute to its success.

Let each of us do our best and bring up at least fifty per cent. This will give us \$1,600.00. 2. Educational Fund.—The conference agreed to be governed by last year's apportionment, which was in the aggregate \$300.

It will be convenient to raise ten cents per member. Set a time, and ask for ten cent collection, and thus raise your full apportionment. All money belonging to this fund should be sent in the aggregate \$300.

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ANSWER TO BISHOP PAYNE.

MR. EDITOR.—I have purposely avoided any newspaper discussion with the anti-immigrationists, anti-progressionists, &c., for several reasons.

1st, I neither respect the brain nor the culture of some, while the sure opinion of others, I knew would be influential pro or con.

2nd, The cause did not need any defence, as the movement was born in the nobler promptings of the people who were engaged in it, and not through the instrumentality of speeches or newspaper articles.

3rd, I did not want the Christian Recorder made the organ of that sensitive question, as I anticipated what I have since realized, that a portion of the people would become prejudiced to it.

But when the learned and Senior Bishop of our great church, came down from the majesty of his exalted position, to *fight a slur* at one so infinitely beneath him, I am compelled to raise a point of explanation. I do not intend to take up the Bishop's mantle. He has been both my friend and benefactor. I admire his abilities, his worth, and his useful career to the point of idolization, and would feel it to be sacrilege to touch one of the rejuvenescent wrinkles that decorate his brow. But in his reply to Rev. C. H. Pearce, P. E. of Florida, a part of which might be entitled a *glorification of his race*, the learned Bishop, who gave birth to the *South American*, which gave birth to the *South American*, or played a *careful part in the politics of these States*, and a word was heard from his lips concerning *African Emancipation, &c.*

So far as the Georgia Legislature is concerned, the Bishop could have reference to no one living or dead except myself, for I am the only member of the Georgia Legislature who has given any public sanction to the African Emancipation movement. The Bishop then virtually says that I never uttered a word in favor of African emancipation, and the overbearing of the Republican Legislature of the South. For his information, I beg to inform him, that after listening to a missionary sermon, in 1849, by Dr. Thomas, of Abbeville, S. C., I became convinced that God would ultimately use the negro of this country to aid in the civilization of Africa, and from that time till now I have openly and incessantly favored any and every movement looking to a partial emancipation of our people to that distant land. Moreover I delivered a Sabbath school address in Bethel Church, Philadelphia, in 1861, in the presence of the Bishop, wherein I stated that I believed that American slavery would be destroyed if for no other purpose than to allow the colored people to return to their fatherland, and carry the Christian religion to their brethren. Rev. James Lynch followed me and gave that special remark his approval. In May, 1866, I delivered a speech in Macon, Ga., which was published in the *New York Herald*, in which several remarks were made of a similar nature, for the *Herald* had an editorial upon it, and I thought I had been reading after Henry Clay.

In 1865, in a fourth of July oration delivered in Knoxville, N. C., before about 10,000 soldiers and citizens, reference to which was made in the *New York Tribune*, I stated that the outraged sons of Africa, work in less than fifty years, begin the work the world would see in making their fatherland the paradise of the world. I might mention several other times, places, &c., to show that I was not dreaming of political ambition for a "Georgia right" when I first took occasion to speak about Africa. I have printed speeches, orations, &c., now on hand, which the Bishop may read, to show that when a member of the legislature, I frequently spoke of Africa in connection with the future of the colored race.

In conclusion, (for I do not mean to raise a discussion with the Senior Bishop,) I beg to say, I would seriously regret to have an opinion of the colored race as the learned Bishop has. Such a low estimate of their intellectual and moral worth (judging from his letter,) would lead me to believe he was not only cruel, but only fit for slavery or extermination.

With the highest esteem for your great Senior, I am truly, H

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I would be doing.

BY "WILL."

When the day came in breaking
Key hand, upon the plate,
Disseminating, down the street,
Singing day returns again—
That I would be up and doing,
Strengthened for the glorious day,
Key hand, upon the plate,
Clear or muffled on the way.

Thus should be the cheerful Christian,
Up and doing with his might;
Strong and steady, always ready,
Doing in Christ's word and light.
Then the flowers by the wayside,
Blissful school his school days,
And, at length, shall his blessing—
Dearly valued—be on his way.

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John Blye:

OR
The Trials and Triumphs of a White-
Washer's Son.

BY "WILL."

AUTHOR OF "THE TRIALS OF THE ALBANY," AND
CHAPTER VIII.

AFTER FIVE YEARS.

Miss Nell was about to put her throat
into execution and told Nell to stand up,
when turning around she said to Tony
Holloway, who sat opposite the end of
Nell and John's seat.

"Did you ever place this pin on the
coat?"

"Yes," said Tony, "Nell Gallagher
did it."

"That will do. Walk up in my desk,
Mr. Nell."

As she obeyed and Nell "caught it" then,
whatever that means.

He was punished severely, and kept
in after school.

Of course Nell never forgot John Blye,
nor Tony Holloway after that.

Days and months glided slowly
by and vacation succeeded vaca-

tion. John got along at school about as
well as the rest of the scholars. He had
many friends, and none more constant
than little Tony. Last week, directly
after John's dismissal, with his steam en-

gine, Tony had given him a philosophic
work which he had completely mas-

tered.

He had made rapid advances in study
and was the "head boy" in school. All
the age of fifteen he had mastered
among other things, Arithmetic, Men-

stratory Algebra, Geometry, Trigonome-

try and Latin surveying. He had got
hold of some French, Spanish and Ger-

man books, and with the aid of some of
the foreign laborers in the factories,
many of whom were pretty well edu-

cated, he was deep into the study of those
languages.

His acquaintance with those languages
had brought about easy enough
and in this way.

Mr. Blye was a constant worker and
John, now a good sized boy, had early
been accustomed to work with him at
whitewashing, gardening and the like.

Mrs. Blye was an economical house-

keeper and they were all frugal in their
habits.

Now, people who work steadily and
are frugal and economical will soon
begin to have something around them
as evidences of their thrift; they will

accumulate property. It was so with
Mr. Blye, and so one hundred dollars
after another was saved he would invest
in building lots and houses; and by this
time he was the owner of several tenement
houses which he rented out and some of
them were occupied by poor negroes.

These John applied for instruction in
their languages and it was a pleasure to
him to instruct the son of their land-

lord.

Two more boys studied the more he
wants to learn, and it is something
which amount of study a busy boy can
accomplish at odd times, for in addition
to all that John studied in school and
with his private teachers, he was
also actually studying music on Satur-

day afternoon on the piano under Miss
Holloway.

Little Tony's school days had long
been over, and she was now "Little
Miss Holloway." Her interest in John
had never flagged during her school
days with him, and now, a boy of fifteen,
he was always a welcome visitor at her
house. Tom Holloway, her brother,
had graduated from college, and had set
up as a physician in the town.

John was attracting attention as a
"remarkably bright boy." There is
always a disposition to mark a black
person as something or somebody ex-

traordinary if he accomplishes as much
as an ordinary person of the other race
would under the same circumstances.

What John had attained to at the age of
fifteen was no more than hundreds and
thousands of other boys had done, and
were doing under the same circum-

stances, so that really John was no more
"remarkable" than anybody else would
have been. Human nature is the same
in all races when possessed of ordinary
common sense.

Several other families of persons of
color and black people had come to
the town and, as boys will, John had
made the acquaintance of the white boys
hanging to him, as well as that of some
of the folks in Spring Bottom.

It is not to be supposed that the
Blyes were entirely without acquaint-

ances of their own race, for each race
loves its own, if it have any pride of
race at all.

They had many friends in Spring
Bottom, as well as among some families
of sturdy black farmers in the country,
and it was their delight to entertain
their friends from the country. Many
a Sunday, too, the Blyes would visit
the African Methodist Church in Spring
Bottom, and enjoy a precious meeting
with their own race and kindred. The
communion of the saints seemed nearer
and more congenial to them than in
the church to which they were at-

tached from convenience.

It was now the stirring times of '56,
and John C. Fremont was a candidate

for the Presidency of the United States
Party feeling was warm, and
partisan spirit was exuberant. Democrats,
Fillmore men, and Republicans, began
to put on more distinctive features
towards slavery and black people.

Mr. Blye, living in a State where the
law only allowed "free white male
citizens" to vote, had never concerned
himself about political questions; but
the times were so full of a portentous
aspect that would arrest his
attention, whether he would or not.

There was something infectious in the
party atmosphere that once stirred an
interest among the people of Spring
Bottom. At the great public gatherings
and mass meetings colored persons
would gather around, watch and listen,
as though they were in some way con-

cerned. Every word of the fiery speeches
of each party canvasser was eagerly lis-

tened to by them, from Anna James,
the cook at Harvey's hotel, who, stout
and solid, with her sleeves rolled up,
sauntered familiarly through the crowd
or hung upon its outskirts, to William
Blye, the industrious mill-washer.

At length came a day when a wood-

man's meeting was to be
held in the town. The vacant lot in the
rear of Harvey's Hotel had been fitted
up with stands, seats and flags for the
occasion. The village brass band was
appointed to a conspicuous place, around
which early clustered the small boys,
among whom was John Blye.

How attractive is music!

Anna James, Harvey's cook, had
slipped out the back way, and secured
an eligible position near both the musi-

cian and the speaker's stand. Old
Ephie Bizzardi, whose office bordered
the lot, had slipped out the same way,
and got the same sort of a position,
right at the elbow of Anna James.

Epiphany Bizzardi was not of that politi-

cal party, but such is the power of music
that he was attracted there.

The speaker began. He talked freely
and became eloquent. The perspiration
ran down his face. He uttered daring
generalities to right and left, which
were caught with ringing hurrahs by the
thousands gathered there. The Kansas
troubles, the Missouri Compromise,
squatter sovereignty, were wrought up
into glowing periods. The blasphemous
and crimes of slavery were piled up to a
towering mountain of sin and black-

ness, and then with one Herculean
swoop the mountain was swept into
oblivion by the decision of
John C. Fremont, bringing forth a ring-

ing "hurrahs" from Anna James and
rounds of "hurrahs" from the dense
crowd.

Old Ephie Bizzardi was enraged at the
discommodation in prospect, and
giving Anna James a slight above on the
shoulder, he said:

"I don't want your jaw, you got nothin'
to do with it."

"I won't bite my jaw. He's to be
our President, and the first one we've
ever had. I will better 'balleh' him!"

"Glorious too, you keep your hands
off 'em, or I'll put your jaw down
where you belong, you good for nothin' old
pouch-belly," said Anna James, swell-

ing with anger.

"I'll arrest you and send you to jail,
you old lady," said the Squire, almost
bursting with rage.

"Let the woman alone," said a by-

stander, "she's got a good right here as
you have."

"Do you take up for a negro—do you
take up for a negro—you're a pure
lookin' white man to take up for a
negro," said the Squire, turning
fiercely.

"I say she's got as good right to be
here as you have," said the man warm-

ly, "and we're going to make it hot for
some of you old slavery folks when we
get Fremont elected."

"I'll never elect him, you bloody
lookin' white man," said the Squire, turn-

ing away.

"You'll never elect a negro for a
President of this country, and every
body that goes to such a thing ought to
be hung as high as Haman."

"Fremont a negro, you poor silly
fool!" said the man, with a sneer.

"That's the way with you tarnation
Democrat. You won't know
nuthin' and can't be learnt nuthin'."

"Your candidate is a half negro,"
said Squire Bizzardi, hotly; "his mother's
a nigger slave down in Missouri.
Now who knows so much? You let
your leaders fool you and put a half
negro for white men to vote for, he he
he," chuckled the Squire derisively.

"Your chucky-headed son of a bitch,"
said the man, shaking his fist in the
Squire's face.

A crowd of lanky, hungry-looking fel-

lows had gathered around the speakers.
Cries of "hit him," "give 'im one,"
"scoundrel," "scoundrel," were heard.

"You're all a set of bloody slave-

holders, only your two poor in buy 'em,
and two more to go where they'll give
you to you," said the man, feeling the
crowd.

"Hit 'im, Squire, 'hit 'im," sang
out somebody, then somebody got him,
and he himself, and the man who
had spoken in behalf of Anna
James, the cook, got knocked down,
and the Squire went lunging over him to
arrest him, when a push from behind sent
him sprawling face over heels among the
crowd; then there was a general
scramble in which both Anna James and
the man got out of the middle.

John Blye and the other boys were
looking on at the whole of it, and
John went home with conflicting emo-

tions.

Among the active partisans at that
time were Mr. Holloway the lawyer, who
was a "Fremont man," and the old
principal of the public school, Mr. Gias,
who was a "Buchanan man." Both of
these men were prominent in their par-

ties. They were, however, school-keepers
in the manufacture of the town,
in the manufacture of one of which—the
Eagle Machine Works, Mr. Gias now
held a prominent position.

Mr. Blye had determined to give his
son John the trade of a machinist, if pos-

sible, which, notwithstanding John's
former experience with steam engines

of his own construction, was a matter of
great joy to him.

Day after day he had hung around the
Eagle Works, watching and learning
that boys could make use of to acquire
the trade.

He familiarized himself with the men
employed and the foreman. The polit-

ical feeling died away after the election
of Buchanan, and John's application was
handed to him. Mr. Holloway and John
were duly admitted as an apprentice and
placed under a fitter.

People can get along better with
plenty of friends, and in the busy hour
of the multitude, but for positions
and chances in life, the patronage of
the most powerful friends is often need-

ed and should be commended by such
as exalted character as still prove the
worthiness of the recipient.

John's intimacy at the residence of
the Holloways had become so close that
even Mr. Holloway left it to John to be
more personally interested in his future
prospects.

He was now the little rough looking
black boy who was seen sitting on a
pile of boards near where his father
was whitewashing; who had nothing to
do, and nothing to prospect.

He was now a fine looking, well
dressed and gentlemanly lad of court-

eous and polite manners, neatly dressed
and frank, open countenance.

He had been brought up according to
the strictest rules of piety by his parents
and loved piety for piety's sake. He
had been carefully observed by the
Holloways, and they were satisfied that his
home training had been of the best.

The two families had been as similar
that there existed a peculiar affinity of
sentiment between John Blye and Tony
Holloway—indeed, as were the two,
and unaccountable as it may seem.

John became a handy boy about the
machine shop. Careful, observant and
precise, he was soon useful with the
drilling chisel, the punch, the lathe,
the mill, the file, &c. And the black
boy in the machine shop soon ceased to
be a novelty.

Mechanics as is the life of an appren-

tice, trials as well as triumphs came to
John in the next few years. He looked
at first as though he was to get along all
right, as the saying is, but then he came
to him, and of the next trying kind.

(To be continued.)

For the Christian Recorder,
COLORED TEACHERS FOR CO-

LORED SCHOOLS.

BY ELIAS ANDERSON.

MR. EDITOR: Please allow space in
your invaluable paper for the expres-

sion of a few thoughts from one who is
trying to do his part in the great drama
of life.—Teaching the young idea how
to shoot.

Colored teachers should be employed
in each colored school. This is a
question fraught with paramount impor-

tance to us as a race, because it is one
which affects us not only socially and
financially, but it affects us intellectu-

ally. I claim that a colored teacher can
accomplish more good in a colored
school than a white teacher.

A colored teacher recognizes the
equality of his pupils, but a white teach-

er, being schooled in a school of prej-

udices, is apt to regard the colored pupils
as inferior beings—certainly not his
equals—and will probably assume a di-

ctatorial attitude toward them. Hence
the pupils are brought up in a state of
servility. Their manhood is in a great
degree crushed. They do not have that
free, untrammelled exercise of thought
and action of body as they would have
under the care of a colored teacher.

In a great many of the States the
Legislatures have seen fit to create or
provide separate schools for the educa-

tion of the colored youth. Funds are
appropriated for this purpose. Teachers
are employed who draw or are paid
from these funds.

In this State alone there are at least
thirty-five teachers employed in the col-

ored schools, receiving salaries varying
from \$40 to \$70 per month. Do these
teachers attend our churches, our Sab-

bathe schools, our lyceums, our acad-

emies, our festivals or entertainments of any
kind? No. Their labors are confined to
not extend outside of the school-room.

Their salaries are expended among their
own countrymen.

We have plenty of competent colored
teachers among us, and since we are
legislated into separate schools—col-

ored—let the schools be colored
throughout.

In a good many places, School Boards
appoint white teachers over colored
schools, against the protest of the pa-

trons, and claim that they cannot get
competent colored teachers. In such
places, let the trustees and those who are
interested in the education of our race,
make every possible effort to secure the
services of competent colored teachers.
Let us in making the demand, and
"School Boards" will ultimately yield to
their first demand.

It is said that the road to wealth, to
beauty, to this country is free will; that
we have no privilege classes. This is
completely true; for if we compare our
opportunities for acquiring wealth, and
for arriving at positions of honor, they
are but "dust in the balance."

If there be one among us who aspires
to any honorable position, let us, as a
race, rally around him, encourage him
and help to elevate him.

Let us be bold, courageous and ag-

gressive in everything which we con-

ceive to be right, affecting not interests.

"Be sure that you are right and then go
ahead."

I would like to hear from others on
this subject.

Terre Haute, Ind., July, 1878.

Two neighbors had a long and con-

tinuous litigation about a small spring
which they both claimed. The judge,
worn out with the case, at last said:
"What is the use of making so much
noise about a little water?" "You must
will be the use of it," replied the law-

yers, "when I inform you that the
parties are both milkmen."

For the Christian Recorder,
VACATION NOTES.

BY FRANK W. S. SCARLETT, JR., A. M.

"THE BENEDICTA COLLECTION."

I remember making a class of applica-

nts at a religious meeting, and the
subject, in substance: "What I ought
to make the island of Cyprus an celebra-

tion. Is there any thing new more than
that which gives it distinction?" Though
several answers were given, covering
the ground quite fully, there were those
who held that the island of Cyprus was
truly wonderful. The subject of this
sketch is the answer to the question re-

ferred to. Those who have read the
opening article in the National Repub-

lican for June, or who have had the
pleasure of visiting the New York Me-

troplitan Museum of Art, will doubt-

less agree with me in saying that the
"Benedicta Collection," as it is styled, is
truly wonderful. Words will not de-

scribe the feeling that creeps over one
as he stands gazing upon these mag-

nificent works of ancient art. One may
behold terra-cotta especially, ampho-

ras—well known to the student of Homer
—bowls, plates, rings, statuettes, bronz-

es, beads and coralline, helmets, spears
and breast-plates in various attitudes;
clays and earthenware, and women in
ancient costume, presenting a grand
array of variety, suggesting to the mind
the great progress made by those who
lived two thousand years ago and more.

I must confess that I was awestruck,
and often found myself asking myself
in wonder, "somehow, somehow, how
could it be?" Truly wonderful, it hardly
seems possible that such advancement in
civilization could have been made in
ages we are accustomed to call "dark."

The collection is called "Benedicta," from
the name of the donor, General Louis
Palma di Benedicta, an Italian nobleman,
who after the Crimean war, called for
America. During President Lincoln's
administration, General Benedicta was ap-

pointed Consul to the island of Cyprus,
and he was the first to exhibit his col-

lection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
Says the National Republican: "The
excavations and excavations of which
this collection is the result occupied a
considerable part of ten years, during
which General Benedicta was the Amer-

ican Consul for Cyprus. In the course of
the explorations he traversed the whole
island in every direction. Let us briefly
sum up the result of his explorations, as
reported by Mr. Johnson: "He explored
and identified the sites of eight ancient
royal cities; he discovered the ruins of
eight other royal cities, and of twelve
towns mentioned by Strabo, Ptolemy
and other ancient geographers. . . .

It may be worth while to give the num-

ber of some of the leading classes of
objects. There were: 1,420; glass
vases, cups, etc.; 3,719; beads, and
in marble and terra-cotta, 4,200; statues
in stone, marble and terra-cotta, 2,110;
terra-cotta lamps, 2,381; coins, gold,
silver and copper, 2,381; bronzes in
marble and terra-cotta, 138; sculptural
sarcophagi in marble and stone, 250;
engraved gems, cylinders and seal-

ings, 1,000; objects in gold, such as
bracelets and rings, 1,000; in silver, 370;
in copper and bronze, 2,107. The
above is simply a part of a quotation, an
abridgement. Many more interesting
facts might have been taken to illustrate
further the point under discussion.

The indefatigable labor and appar-

ently Herculean task of Gen. Benedicta
at Cyprus, and of Dr. Schliemann at Sy-

racuse, have been the result of the same
spirit, and the same noble purpose. It
is to inspire young men to press for-

ward in whatever undertaking they may
be engaged to, and under whatever cir-

cumstances will the goal be reached.
The only way to greatness; the only way
to success; in the end, the only way
to bring about a reformation in this country
is by cutting through what appears to be
the inevitable. The black man in the
United States, if he is ever to rise, it is
certain that no one else is going to do
the work for him even if it were possi-

ble.

From the same authority (N. Y.) we
gather the following in regard to the
island itself which lies in the North
eastern part of the Mediterranean, 60
or 70 miles west of Syria, and south of
Asia Minor. "Cyprus was the kingdom
of the Hebrews, the Aphrodisia, Makaria
and Paphos of the poets, with half a
score of other names. From the earliest
times it was noted for the abundance
and purity of the copper which it pro-

duced; this was especially known as
Chalkos Kupros, 'Cyprus brass,' which
the Latins shortened into Cuprum,
whence our word 'copper.' . . .

To shape the island was compared by
the ancients to a bird stretched out to
dry. There seems to be a little dis-

crepancy as to its size, but probably not
enough to make any very great difference.
Two or three hours spent in examining
the above collection would not be more
profitably spent, I am sure.

For the Christian Recorder,
LETTER FROM GEORGETOWN,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

BY REV. R. H. WILLIAMS.

MR. EDITOR:—The work of my first
quarter has just been completed, and I
would be glad should you give this space
to the public may know what we are
doing to these parts for the "good
cause."

I wish to say a few words of the
Columbia, I did not get actively at work
until late in March. And from that
time up to the present I have been con-

stantly on the go.

I held my first quarterly conference at
Rev. A. Gurdin's charge. I met the
good and faithful brother on the "look
out" awaiting with much seeming an-

xiety the coming of the Presiding Elder.
The conference was well attended
and the members submitted fair reports.
The attendance and sincerity of this
meeting was a great encouragement to
me for the affection of his people.

We collected here eight dollars for the
aid of the Book Concern. The present
condition of the crops indicate an abun-

dant harvest.

My next appointment was at Brother

P. Hartley's charge. He had his brother
in readiness for me. Through the
agency of the pastor here, I was enabled
to preach in his church and to visit the
next place, which is Rev. E. Johnson's
mission. Brother Johnson is upholding
the banner of the times, and keeping
pace with the times. After visiting
through the routine here, I left for
Brother Green's charge. Brother Green is one
of those good men; he covers steps on
his part, but is ever vigilant, and
generally keeps in advance of the aver-

MAN OUR BROTHER

REV. C. L. BRADWELL, TRAVELING AGENT

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WORD FROM NEWBERRY &
TION, S. C.

My dear Brother:—Sir, my Second Quarterly Conference has been Pro-
longed either 4 p.m., by singing
the psalm, *Rejoice, O Lord, in
the Lord*, or 147th psalm, *The Lord addresseth
his church with the following
words, after another three
litanies, we are permitted to meet
the Second Quarterly Conference. The
we had many conflicts, the Lord
brought us thus far safe; but, while
we are comforted, others are discom-
forted. We are often discomfited by
dilemmas, but God condescends to reason
for us. Now brethren, God
permitted us to come together
more; we ought to be thankful to
and faithful in the discharge of our*

BY MR. A. WEST IN.

MR. ENTERTAINER, Sir, my Second Quarterly Conference has met. I have been very glad to see you here, and to hear of your success in your conference of 4 p. m., by singing by and prayer. Lessons read from 147th ch. The elder addressed the conference with the following words:—

Brother, after another three months we shall meet again for our Second Quarterly Conference. The Lord has many comforts, but the world brings us thus far safe; but, while we are comforted, others are disappointed.

We are often discomfited by our delings, but God calls us to remember that we are not to be comforted, but permitted us to come together, and we ought to be thankful to and faithful in the discharge of our

The elder concluded his exhortation, brot-
ing us on proving ourselves true
faithful to God, as when we meet
the Quarterly Conference we must
home to die no more. The elder
good health, but leaves two of his
family at home sick. He speaks
of the spiritual condition of his
trials, and thinks the thought will
to look up after awhile, though his
is low at present.

The Newberry station is looking
tolerant well. During this season
have had 24 additions to the church.

scut children have died in triumph
heaven. We are getting ready to
a village camp meeting. The
sters and public are invited. Com-
and help us. I don't know
have ever seen better prospects
crops than now. He that tills it
right, in more than apt to make
There is a great complaint about
about hard times. Well might it
something is needed like this truth

perceive to virtue. Let our
awake to righteousness and God
provide; let there be more faith
and not so many job workmen,
and feel the people and country
in a better condition.

The presiding elder, H.
preached from the following
Morning from Matt. v. 10.
noon, from Nahum 1. 8. At night
Rev. 1. 7. "Behold, He Cometh

very attracting, while the people were very attentive to hear him. When he was near closing, a lamp exploded in the street, so there was two attractions, but I think Elder Young got the credit.

For the Christian Recorder.

SUCCESS IN GALVESTON, TEXAS.

BY REV. J. W. RANDOLPH.

bath done great things for us.
taken our church out of the mire
clay and established it on sure
The members of the A. M. E.
have at last succeeded in erect-
church, a palace, and a temple
for the worship of God. Many
had witnessed the old building
stood on the principal street

Depressed in the rear, the front stood on a mound. But

haven to many a soul whose earthly pilgrimage ended here. Countless numbers of times when the toll of bell have been shaken right in the old church which has passed a long history. Now may the marlstone to port lift up his eyes and behold the tall spire of the African M. E. rising so high in the air that I can see far out at sea.

A great change has taken place

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fall into one not so good.
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SPECIAL BULLETIN

FOR FALL, 1878,

FROM MR.

John Wanamaker.

CHANGES AT THE GRAND DEPOT.

There has been the large patronage during the summer, which was larger than the previous season.

We start this autumn under much better auspices than ever before.

Portions of the House have been rebuilt and renovated. Few changes have been made in location of stock, because the people don't like such changes.

New commodities have been added throughout the Grand Depot.

New varieties of Goods introduced. Cash Deals multiplied, quicker wrapping up and Exchange System established.

The fact is we are learning to do things the Dry Goods Section was begun, and the improvements made with show that we mean to make the Grand Depot all that people want it to be.

We have engaged several thousands of our Departments and now have the close Interested Personal Supervision of Excellent Persons over Every Section of the House.

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EXTRACT FROM THE INQUIRER.—"How it is possible for one man to get together such a Mammoth Stock of Goods as JOHN WANAMAKER is just opening at the Grand Depot is a marvel."

EXTRACT FROM THE TIMES.—"The ladies say WANAMAKER has made a great leap forward this Fall with his improved Dry Goods Department at Grand Depot. His entire purpose anything to be seen in this city."

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Grand Depot **Thirteenth Street**

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With gladness hearts

Thank offerings, and praise to thee we bring,

O King of Glory,

Thy mercies are enlarged, Thy benedictions true,

And, as Thy creatures, are preserved by Thee.

Wonderful in the counsel, mighty God,

Thy wisdom is beyond all thought and deed.

Thou art the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

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days at the shops while he was absent;

that Mr. Needles wanted that he should

bring some piece connected with the gear

ing, as, which he would not do without

any one else.

At last John and Abalom and the

rest of the machinists were again at

Edgfield where they found all things in

readiness for the speedy putting together

of the engine.

The furnaces were all completed and

the steam-boilers in place.

"Hark! your black chimney sweep

aght," said a villager who was curiously

looking on at the work, with a few

other boys.

"What a black picture," said a

man who had a full boat of 'em down

here now, 'I spect," said another.

"It's the boss an' 'I spect he's agin'

to run the works," said a third.

"No he ain't, he's goin' to be run out

of this town."

"He ort to be," said Dr. Holloway

to have the old mill burnt down, but

brother John said black fellows here to

run the works, and was now outside the

works, the remarks being taken up by

one and another.

The work, meantime, was progressing

satisfactorily, and John, as well as Dr.

Holloway, was aware of any evil in-

tellectuals being held by the villagers.

After a few more days the engine was

completed. Then came the bringing-up

of the furnace and starting her for trial.

"The last pin was driven in; the last

nut screwed up, and the last wedge

tightened. Abalom Wheeler was now

ready to watch it. He had carefully

looked over everything, and lighted

some wedges. Mr. Needles had care-

fully inspected everything and found all

right. He now stood by the steam chest,

his head upon the wheel of the throttle

valve. John stood by the starting

pin in hand ready to feel the steam into

the huge cylinder and to drop the

eccentric rod in place.

A crowd of bystanders were around

while all the men of the works stood

by to see the start.

"Now, John, we'll let her go," said

Mr. Needles, opening the valve. The

steam went hissing through into the

steam-chest—John worked the lever,

opening the valves into the cylinder—

the piston began to move—outwards,

and the steam-chest of the new

machinery was in motion.

With the eye of a practical machinist,

Mr. Needles scanned every movement,

his hand still upon the throttle

valve. Smoothly the piston shot back and forth

while little wisps of steam blued out

beside it, and puff after puff rushed out

of the escape pipe.

"Here, John, you may take her

now," said Mr. Needles. "I'll look

around and see how she runs."

"Oh yes, I had a nice time of it last

week, but I'm anxious to get back to the

shops."

"John would just live at the shops, I

doublet," spoke up Mr. Blye.

"I kind o' thought he had become so

enchanted with Edgfield that there would

be no getting him down to work again,"

said Mr. Blye, humorously.

"How about that, John?" said Mr.

Blye.

"Oh Blye," said John with a huffy

smile.

thing worked as well as could be de-

sired.

Mr. Needles pronounced everything

complete and preparations were made

for the return of the men to the shops.

"Mr. Needles," said the Doctor, "if

you are sure that John can run the en-

gine you may leave him."

"Very well, I have not the slightest

doubt of his ability to run it."

"Hedn't I better stay with him a few

days to see that everything goes on

right?" asked Abalom.

"Oh, no, it is not necessary, John can

run it well enough," replied Mr.

Needles.

So it was decided that a few days

longer, all of the men were to be

sent home, and John was to be left

alone with the engine. John was not

at all pleased with the prospect, but

he felt it his duty to obey.

"John, I don't think you are old

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exam. "I suspected Abalom had better

have stayed."

John started for the engine, and with

the perspiration running down his face, he

started the engine and then that out;

but still the jarring continued and the

engine would not run smoothly.

"There, there, hold on, hold on—stop

that engine at once. I can't have you

to run her. You'll blow us all up in no

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FROM A SOUTH CAROLINA PRE-
BIDING ELDER.

Mr. EDITION: I have just closed the second series of our Quarterly Meetings in the Columbia District. I am happy to say the work throughout the district is in a prosperous condition. Since the Atlanta Conference have presided over thirty Q. M. Meetings, and the reports show an increase of 2,388. Of this number, 2,000 have promised assisting faith in the Lord Jesus. We are still having great revival throughout the district. We have also held several Camp Meetings in the district this year, all of which have been successful. We are now selling their banners under the banner of the A. M. E. Church. I would like to speak of the several circuits and stations separately, but I would it take up too much space. I have therefore abridged my report. Suffice it to say that the

aspire the next time are building new churches and improving church property generally. We have not forgotten our Book Concerns. We have urged the churches to lift a collection at once, and forward it to the manager soon. Some of them have obeyed and collected what they could, and promised to try again. We do not intend to be contented until the day of an account. Our people are now busy gathering cotton, and they will be more able to assist us. We hope within the next thirty days to do our part in helping to get our Book Concern out of debt. Since the Annual

killed a victim to death—Brother B.
 M. Brown, who had charge of the Lexington
 Church. He departed this life in
 the latter part of July. We will not
 say anything more of this, as we have
 already said a sketch of his life and
 character. Truly the workmen are
 falling, but the way is being cleared
 up, so that we may see "the Lord of ho-
 lies with; the God of Jacob is our refuge."
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For the Christian Recorder.
 MAKING OUR MARK.

BY B. F. COMBASH.

MR. EDITOR—In starting out upon
 life's duties, in order to be successful, it
 is necessary that one should have an ob-

to learn or acquire that knowledge which will qualify him for whatever work he undertakes. He should study his calling and see whether or not he is willing to battle with the conflicts that are to be experienced to the road to success. High aims, without a disposition to work, will never bring to a man a mark of commendation. High and dignified positions seem to reach out and attract some men to them; while other men are rather impatient, and seek for prominence before maturity has made itself complete in them. The former are the ones who generally make their mark of eminence by falling. These are the poets, and those that dwell among plants and hedges; there they will grow and flourish. The latter are the men for the King; for his work, and not to gratify themselves, is forever their aim.

strong breeze from the south. The wind is emblematic of the force of the wind of change and success without any effort of the man. There are many ways by which we can make our mark; but in the present, two will suffice—the right and the wrong. As I lie in my bed, engaged in thought, positions of comedy and high humor are presented to my mind, that need mass of experience—falsely, yet I think, as I am a man among men, I am the man to fulfill such a place. Here, like a gun that is discharged prematurely, off I go, without ever trying to lift the weight of instruction or swing the force of experience that is necessary to gain strength. Why have I come to this conclusion? Simply because I am aguequated with Mr. A., who has been there; he is a man of authority and influence; every-

whether they may be life demands, there is no exertion put forth on his part. I desire to be like him. I forget that Mr. A. has made his mark by earnestness. He did not ascend in a moment, but he took time and took pains. He will be able to infer that there will be happiness in the course of several winters, time's power in the sheels deep furrows. He has been forty or fifty years ascending and descending. He may be thinking that I am the man to stand where he stands, to command as he commands, without having some experience, is unquestionably wrong. I must biter with a few hardships, and in the course of time, if I am qualified, as Mr. A. made his mark, I will make mine. If I have precept only I must obedient to them in whatever they may give use, or in whatever they may require. I will not be content to mark up my side to work in my duty.

make a sort of house out of it. When this is done, the house is ready for use. In the golden hours of youth, necessary, we should tell the qualities, in whatever path we go, in which we are to stand. To make our mark in the world, we must first of all know what our circumstance may be. We may be born a peasant's son, yet we can make our mark with a firm and honest hand. You may be a noble, yet you may be a poor man. You may be a fallen victim to the sea. To make our mark we must not be impatient in gaining a name or a position of influence. We must first of all be a man. I need not rush to it. Many men who might have made high marks, faded their names by being too eager to do these things before their time.

There is such a thing as a person being mistaken in his choice of life to fill such a position, yet that person may be, if the observer will, a man of high character. He will do his life, his work, before he

say to others, let us be willing to
near the shore until our captain
we are qualified to launch out into
deep in so doing we will be able
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COURTESY QUARTER

Readings for the week of October 10-14

LESSON 5

THE LORD'S SUPPER, or Remembering the

Lord's Supper

Look 22: 10-22

10 And he said unto them, Behold, what

ye are doing, ye are doing well, but

ye are not doing it right. For ye are

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11 And ye shall say unto the goodness

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REV. O. L. BHADWEL, TRAVELING AGENT

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who has had every advantage to make herself fit for such a position, it would be a perfect nuisance. If a visitor goes there they cannot accommodate him, for they have no chairs at all to sit on, and no convalescence. Nothing worth looking at; and the colored women have to wash and sew for themselves, while the whites have a washerwoman and seamstress also. They also have a woman to wash them, while the poor negro has to do the best he can. On the other hand, and the worst of all the colored ladies have to take themselves every morning and clean up and scrub for the whites, and they sit down and do nothing. The whites have about twice as many nurses as the colored, and probably about twice as much as they do. They haven't but one nurse to either of the colored leprosiatics, and the whites have four. If you want to see different races between colored and white, this is the place; for myself it is one of the most God-forsaken places that I have visited the fair soil of the earth. I have heard a good many express themselves of the same opinion. That is one reason why we should try and destroy the Democratic party. When the republicans were in power we had all fared alike but there is a great difference now. The asylum costs the State no less than \$2,000 per year. In politics we are getting all along very fast. The Southern Congress will not run near as well as did before, and some of the Republicans are sure of victory. I am in hopes that this year will be a prosperous one for the Christians, and Republicans also. I conclude that in many that I am in hopes that ere long we may present to the nation a happy and hopeful world, and an intellectual, physical, moral and educational negro race.

Chattahoochee, Fla., 1878.

For the Christian Recorder.

LETTER FROM GEORGE F. CANNON, D.D.

BY REV. A. B. LEFFON.

MR. EDITOR—Again I come to something to the brethren of home abroad. First, I had the honor of seeing Bishop A. W. Wayman, while he was passing through Georgia. He did have time to stop over with me, but did me good to look of such a man as the Bishop, as he goes looking over A. M. E. world to take part of the clergy. We saw him thinking who will be our Presiding Elder, for Rev. S. Wood's time is almost out. This is his last year. We only say that it take time to forget the good deeds that did from our minds. He, it was, brought it from almost nothing to something in the A. M. E. Church. I almost time for the brethren in coming to see from their fields of labor, telling of the many troubles they had in the twelve months to have up to God's church. Some telling of good time they had in getting souls to the Lord's side and not enough bread to eat; while others say sometimes bread to eat and sometimes had no clothes to wear; sometimes no money; sometimes bread and sometimes none. But God has been with me. That's all right, we are praying for the hard working preachers. I thing, did you not get Dollar Money by brother? Yes, I got that? I have to that by the help of Lord. I am glad for you, for the Bishop's brethren will know that you have been thinking about yourself only, the whole connection. North Georgia Conference has almost left her profession to put in her crown as queen of the E. M. E. Church in Dollar Money, and men that will win the love of their people will bring up to the conference a report in Dollar Money never was before. What does it do to it? Men that love the A. M. E. Church; men that hold their people back during the year, men that like to be outdone in anything they do to bring the church.

God help the minister to take greenback or silver for the large conference, and the gospel will be preached next year where it is not year. How must we go about it? We look on the work as a task too. Not Van Wyck held it as something the Lord has promised to help us—us—and we will conquer. Some may ask the question, "What I writer doing about the conference money?" Oh, I think he will conference, and stand third to him in the Dollar Money bell. They let us lift up their hands with confidence for the time is almost here; the church is doing very well indeed. Our hundred and sixteen joined church this year, and the largest of that number say they have found a lot of converts. I can't say the church here, but they are doing very fast. I think they will be going a few more months. Sometimes I tell little church is coming up well, lifted \$223 in five weeks. We more all we can to get out of debt by 60 days or time for conference. Silver greenback is the question of the here, and the poor negro will get he works himself down for, not them to pay him for.

Griffin, Ga., 1878.

A London dispatch says that the Frederick Bell, formerly of Bro. N. Y., who has been holding some revels in Nottingham, has brought a bill of £1500 against Mr. Stevens, a solicitor, and the Rev. Richard G. Baptist minister, for circulating a bill charging him with immorality.

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societies. They have just bought a hall on which they intend at once to commence building a fine hall. I give you a synopsis of their labors since their organization. Paid on Church debt, \$1000; given to different pastors for clothing, \$215; Conference Missionary Society, \$10; Charity, \$12; building, \$2000.

\$34; furniture for Paracase, \$15; yellow fever sufferers, \$10; Metropolitan Church Washington D. C., \$5; lot, \$125; in bank \$300; total, \$1,752. This amount does not include the weekly contributions to the sick, nor the burying of the dead. To those who work for this cause Christ as these earnest Christian women

God has indeed blessed us in keeping this great plague from our doors. While we have been thus signally blessed, we have not turned a deaf ear to the cry of the suffering. As soon as the cry

Itzceipts.—From A. M. E. Church \$20; Congregational Church, \$2 25;

M. E. Church, \$14.50; Baptist Church, \$10.80; Daughters of Conference, \$1.00; A. M. E. Zion Church, \$5.50; Central City Fire Co., \$5; Congregational Church, \$1.00.

EXPENDITURES.—Forwarded in year
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warded by the G. U. O. O. F., \$15; for-
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Men's Minster Troupe, \$15; grand total
by colored citizens, \$158.10. This great
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ference to feel the hand of its power in
the loss of two good and faithful minis-
ters of the Lord Jesus Christ, Rev. J. R.
Robt. Ventris, who died at Tuscumbe-
e, Oct. 13th, and Rev. J. M. Henderson
at Decatur, Oct. 23. I copy from a letter
of brother Henderson's dated Oct. 14th
"I have been on duty one week, night
and day, visiting and praying with the
sick, baptizing the dying, buying and
selling out provisions, and employing
nurses. I have under my command
about 100 men, paying from two to three
dollars for day, and from three to five
dollars for night."

dollars for night nurses, and still I have not sufficient to build some homes. I can only give them a bucket of water while they wait upon the bed to relieve their sufferings. I have four nurses on night duty; two persons are now down in my own house without a nurse, but I hope to be able to help them soon.

against hope. I dreamed last night
while in a daze, that three men came
to the gate of the city, one with a Bible
and a hymn book and another with
a roll, calling out to the people
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to stop the plague. God said to the
people; you shall have my prayers for
your kindness—Farwell." Soon after
this he was taken down, and in one such
week was consigned to the grave. The
Secretary of the Stewards writes me, "I
good, a true man, has fallen,—one bring-
ing the moral qualities to stand in the
breach to relieve his suffering people.
We buried him in a neat plain coffin
Dear Henderson, farwell. We miss
him; we miss his counsel, his advice, his
strength. A faithful minister, a diligent
and active presiding elder, may all

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

This place is supplied with schools which is the only leader that can bring us up to the standard of true men and women and develop the latent powers of the mind. Burrill school has 100 pupils with 7 teachers, three of which are colored. Prof. S. C. Sileby, Principal. Geneva Academy has 175 pupils and 12 teachers, all colored. Rev. M. E. Elliott, Principal. Highland school has 100 pupils and 12 teachers, all colored. M. E. Elliott, Principal. Woodland school has 100 pupils with 7 teachers. Prof. Woodwall is Principal, and only colored teacher employed. We trust the day is not far distant when

We are now upon the eve of Conference and coming up on the home strait with the various Conference monies to raise, will cause us to be up and stirring, but with a working church and an active set of officers, there is no cause for word as fail. More anon.

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A WORD FROM ARKANSAS,
BY MAGGIE SINQUEFIELD,
MR. EUSTON — am now teaching a little school out west of Princeton, fifteen miles from where I taught school last year; number of scholars 51. They are learning very fast. Children are what we need here. Since I came here I have organized a Sabbath School number about 46 pupils. We have no organ here yet. We have to make all the music we get with our mouths. We have the Gospel Songs in our Sabbath Schools, and music can sing very well. We are thinking of starting a singing school.

school for the young ladies, and gentlemen every evening at 3 o'clock. The you know will help the cause very much. They will get in practice more to sing. We have a great many little folks in our Sabbath School. This is a new place where I am teaching school, not long established. The name of the church is Mount Zion.

Princeton, Dallas county, Arkansas

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SOUTHERN INDUSTRY.

The following explains itself.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1878.

From the return received this month at this department, we are enabled to make the final estimated computation of the crop of cotton in this year.

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THEATRICAL SANCTUARIES.

The word "Theatre" signifies "a house for the exhibition of dramatic performances, as tragedies, comedies and farces."

The word "sanctuary" means a sacred place, a place consecrated to the worship of God, a place where divine service is performed.

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1. A stage must be built over the altar. This does very well for certain purposes, and on certain occasions. But as to the use under consideration, it necessitates the turning of that place, which is the holiest part of the temple, into a sporting ground and capering ring. Various grades of sinners assemble there to make preparations for their proceedings, to dress up in theatricals, to practice their parts, to imagine themselves kings and queens, to powder, paint and put on airs, to turn themselves into miserable apologies for Machiavels, poor representations for Richelieus, and awkward substitutes for gladiators. There over the altar and around the altar: there in the *sanctum sanctorum*, notwithstanding church laws—

"The Lord is in His holy temple; Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

and notwithstanding every woman's knee should bow, and every man's head should be uncovered when entrance at any time is made into this temple, feather headed girls snicker and giggle whilst their wild fellows buzz around them like a bee around a bonnyuckle. I know that girls are sweet, but their fellows should remember that the most holy place in the house of God is *separated*. There is no consideration, though, given to this fact; no consideration is given to the sanctity of that place that should always bring to mind the sin offering, the peace offering, "the blood of the lamb that was slain." And why? Simply because the sacred section of the temple is buried in theatrical trash and trappings, and the theatricians are making preparations for the performances. Then in connection with all of this, in regular order—

2. The stage performances. These proceedings demand especial attention: for it is a very thing commendable in converting a church into a theatre you will find it at this point. In carrying out these performances there is every thing that is inconsistent with the true character of God's church. 1. They stand in a light that is in direct conflict with that which is seen by the eye of faith, beaming over every altar that is modelled by any secular proceedings. 2. They quench (no not understand me) every spark of devotion, every spark of piety that may attempt to glitter in a Christian's breast.

The whole design upon that stage is to powder to worldly passions—to amuse without edifying—to satisfy the lusts of the flesh and to set aside the glory of God. Every effort there over that sacred altar is to make all the proceedings as strikingly theatrical as possible. And, oh, how black! But this is not all. Right at that sacred place where should be sung by elders and deacons—*Benedicite Animæ Dei* and *Gloria Patri*, the unhallowed tongue of a man "child of sin and sorrow" sings a song that must have been conceived in a Bowersy House, popularized with respect to the devil, and set apart for a theatre. Oh, how the very thoughts of such a thing do bring tears into my eyes! Can any one ever suppose that God will say at any time, "Blessed be who sing in my church?" And still in *Theatrical Sanctuaries* is the singing of such—*and worse* than such songs. And this brings us to a consideration of—

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Interpretation of the text by a friend gentleman spoke as follows:

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His mind was a master mind; one against which others dwarfed and dimmed in comparison; and though it sounded like personal egotism when he said that he had accomplished more for the advancement of Christianity than all others, still he spoke naught but the truth, and a better evidence could not be desired than his own works, which live after him and will not perish until that day of days when heaven and earth are blended as one.

But why should his name be attached to thirteen epistles, and then suppressed from the fourteenth one, the crowning effort of his life? To the best and profoundest thinkers here, I will say that that suppression was just. When Paul was chosen by the High Priest, the ruler and the wise men of the Jews, and sent out to persecute Jews who had embraced Christianity, he was known as Saul of Tarsus. He was the most cruel of persecutors, and his name quickly became a terror throughout all Israel. But he was not satisfied with ravaging his native country; he must go over into Syria and there hunt for Christian Jews, even as far as Damascus. He persecuted the poor principally, for they were most dejected, and at this juncture God's great and keen foresight is amply illustrated.

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He said it just the same as he would to you in advising you to seek out your preachers for spiritual consolation and advice.

Before Saul reached the city the Lord went on ahead to Ananias and informed him of Saul's coming. Ananias was afraid, for the name of Saul had preceded him, but the Lord quieted his fears. Saul came blind and lame, led through the streets, and after an interview with Ananias, believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, and the scales fell from his eyes. He was reborn, regenerated, sanctified in all the fullness of sanctification, clothed and robed in God's word, and strengthened; for the great God came upon him as it were.

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me?" Saul's posse did not hear the
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thou?" "I am Jesus of Nazareth,"
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blind. At that moment he was
willing and anxious to do anything;
join the church, be baptized, turn
preacher and go up and down the
world; but the Lord did not choose
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the church, and so said go on to
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do.

He said it just the same as he
would to you in advising you to
seek out your preachers for spirit-
ual consolation and advice.

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Lord went on ahead to Ananias
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Ananias was afraid, for the name of
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streets, and after an interview with
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sus Christ, and the scales fell from
his eyes. He was reborn, regener-
ated, sanctified in all the fullness of
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ious knave, and God well knew
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Rome, he went to Great Britain,
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could preach, and again he could
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anything coming from him would
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cealed his identity. He kept his
name out of the commencement,
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ending, and the Jews did not know
that the author was he whom they
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now, that before the foundation of
the world was laid we had a Savior,
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tingency of the fall of man before
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Ohio	J. B. Stansberry
New England	F. J. Cooper
Indiana	M. Lewis
Missouri	J. C. C. Owens
Louisiana	L. Gardiner
California	W. H. Offer
Virginia	John C. Cook
North Carolina	J. O. Fry
Mississippi	O. A. Douglass
South Carolina	W. H. Johnson
Florida	J. J. Sawyer
East Florida	J. Woods
North Georgia	Jas. Porter
Georgia	A. Atwater
Alabama	M. Taylor
Texas	Grant
West Texas	G. Ryles
Arkansas	A. J. Chambers
S. Arkansas	G. H. Shaffer
Tennessee	R. F. Hurley
W. Tennessee	S. Straws
Kentucky	T. A. Thompson
Pittsburg	R. M. Turner
New Jersey	S. H. Jefferson
Columbia	D. P. Davis
N. E. Texas	L. M. Mitchell
N. Miss.	E. W. Stone
N. Alabama	D. Barrows
Indiana	

Bishop Wayman then announced the following standing committees as elected by the Bishops, to wit:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship.	Bishop Shorter, Revs. J. Turner, J. M. Wilkerson, H. Depugh, E. C. Joiner.
PUBLICATION DEPT.	J. F. Thomas, J. E. Haynes, W. A. J. Phillips, Jesse Bass, C. L. Harris, A. H. Green, James Porter.

EDUCATION. — W. F. Dickerson, R. H. Cain, B. F. Lee, J. H. Hubbard, J. T. Jenifer, W. D. Johnson, H. A. Knight, J. W. Asbury, C. T. Shaffer, I. N. Triplett, J. W. Braxton, S. J. Jacobs, J. J. Sawyer, A. J. Chambers, J. F. S. Sisson.

ON BOUNDARIES. — F. J. Cooper, J. G. Fry, G. H. Schaffer, John Turner, A. Grant, Edward Bryant, D. W. D. Schureman.

ON TEMPERANCE. — T. G. Steward, M. B. Sauter, B. L. Brooks, J. McSmith, C. T. Schaffer, W. Carson, W. W. Sampson, T. E. Green.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY. — W. H. Hunter, J. A. Handy, T. A. Thompson, P. A. Hubbard, W. G. Steward, E. H. H. Petegrew, Nathan Mitchem.

ON MISSIONS. — J. G. Yeaser, A. C. Carr, J. W. Early, J. W. Braxton, R. A. Hall, J. W. Randolph, W. H. Brown.

STATE OF CHURCH. — B. T. Tanner, J. H. A. Johnson, T. H. Jackson, H. M. Foley, W. S. Gains, J. H. Harper, C. E. Carter.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. — W. C. Banton, S. H. Jefferson, B. Taylor, J. H. Handy, H. M. Foley, E. Hammett, H. Jackson.

ON FINANCE. — J. S. Thompson, R. F. Wayman, S. Straws, H. M. Thompson, D. S. Beatty, E. P. Holmes.

CHURCH EXTENSION. — O. C. Felts, W. E. Johnson, O. P. Ross, J. M. Wilkerson, H. M. Turner, C. O. H. Thomas, G. Ryles.

BISHOPS. — D. A. Payne, D. D. L. L. D., A. W. Wayman, D. D., J. P. Campbell, D. D., L. L. D., J. A. Shorter, D. D., J. M. D. Ward, D. D., John M. Brown, D. D., D. C. L.

GENERAL OFFICERS. — Rev. B. T. Tanner, D. D., Editor, Rev. H. M. Turner, L. L. D., Rev. J. C. Embry, Financial Secretary, Rev. J. M. Townsend, Missionary Secretary, Rev. C. L. Bradwell, Traveling Agent.

AFTERNOON SESSION. — MAY 4, 1880.

Bishop Shorter announced that Rev. Mr. Bruce will preach at Canon delet this evening. The services proper were opened by the Rev.

Phillip Jolliver of the Ohio Conference with hymn 305.

"Shepherd of Israel thou dost keep, With constant care thy humble sheep; By thee inferior pastors rise To feed our souls and bless our eyes."

Prayer was then offered by Rev. W. D. W. Schurman of Virginia.

THE PRAYER.

By the infinite mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are we permitted to assemble together at this time. We would approach thee at this hour, for the purpose of supplicating through thy Son, and we ask thee to consider us and accept us for thy dear Son's sake. We acknowledge oh, Lord, that we have sinned against thy divine majesty, blot out of thy book all our transgressions, iniquities and sin. We adore thy holy name for thy mercies towards us in permitting us to assemble together in this thy Sanctuary. We would ask thee to be with us whilst we remain together this afternoon, and when thy servant shall attempt to present to us thy truth O endow thou him with power from on high that he may present it in all its fullness; the truths of thy kingdom which is an everlasting kingdom. Endow, we pray thee, the messengers of thy word, here and everywhere with much power that when they present the doctrines of Divine truths that the young shall dream dreams and the old shall see visions. May the time speedily come when Judah shall not envy Ephraim and Ephraim shall not envy Judah, but when all shall know thee; whom to know is life eternal, and when our earthly career shall be ended receive us one and all to thyself, and thy name shall have the praise and the glory shall be thine. Amen.

Bishop Shorter then announced that Rev. B. H. Williams of the Georgia Conference will preach to-night. Hymn 303 was then sung beginning

Let Zion's watchman all awake, And take the alarm they give; Now let them from the mouth of God, Their awful charge receive.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Brown said, "It becomes us all at this time to be united in everything we do; we should be united in singing, unite in prayers, and in everything. Now, this afternoon we have set apart the former part of the session to listen to the quadrennial sermon by Rt. Rev. T. M. D. Ward, 1, therefore now, take the pleasure of introducing him to you and I ask for him your prayerful attention. Bishop Ward will now preach to you."

Bishop Ward then went forward and preached the Quadrennial sermon which will be given in full to-morrow.

After the sermon Rev. Mr. Green offered the following prayer:

PRAYER.

We desire our heavenly father to be more thankful that our lives are blessed to behold what they now behold, and for what our ears have heard. We would ask thee in the name and merits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at this time to breathe into us a spirit of prayer and help us to approach thee with reverence; we praise thee for that love that encircled our existence from the earliest part of our days to the present time. Pardon we pray thee our iniquities and help us to love thee more and to serve thee better. Bless the discourse to which we have just listened, may we be abundantly profited by it, may it be deposited in our souls, may it produce in us a glorious harvest; may the words be unto our souls as bread cast upon the waters to be seen after many days, and grant we beseech thee that ere this conference is over many now unconverted may be brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Open thou the eyes of the blind, unstop the ears of the deaf, beat back the powers of darkness and grant that many now unsaved shall soon be living witnesses of the efficacy of the blood of Christ. And, now oh Lord we pray thee to bless the Bishops of our connection; give them grace, power and success in the furtherance of thy cause, and when Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands to God, they may in that day be among the redeemed. God bless us all and when every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that thou art God, may we be among that blessed throng to own and crown thee Lord of all, and when the war shall be over give us a place in thy kingdom for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev. Mr. Hunter moved that Bishop Ward be requested to allow a copy of his sermon to be published in

the minutes of the General Conference.

Rev. Mr. Bradwell moved to amend by publishing it in a pamphlet form.

Rev. Mr. Cooper said that the sermon of Bishop Ward as well as the annual address of Bishop Campbell should be inserted in the minutes.

Rev. J. T. Janifer suggested that they be published in the DAILY RECORDER, the organ of the General Conference.

Dr. Johnson thought that the address as well as the sermon, being parts of the General Conference proceedings will necessarily come in the conference minutes.

The original motion for inserting it in the minutes prevailed.

The Secretary then read the list of the members of the different standing committees, and the several chairmans appointed time and place of meeting.

Rev. Silas Jefferson was excused at his request, from serving in the committee on Sabbath School. Rev. W. R. Carson also withdrew from the committee, and Rev. Mr. Goins was substituted in his place.

Bishop Shorter then announced that a gentleman from England in the cause of Temperance will be here to-night and will to-night speak in reference to the cause of Temperance.

Rev. Mr. Hunter moved to adjourn. Carried.

Doxology was then sung. Benediction by Bishop Brown.

After Bishop Wayman had read the names of members of the standing committees, a lay member of the Conference was placed on the list of Sabbath School.

Dr. Cain then moved that an additional committee be appointed. Lost.

Rev. J. E. Haines moved that a committee be appointed on discipline.

Rev. James Porter of Ga. moved to amend by inserting a committee on Exodus.

Rev. H. H. Forley moved that the whole matter be deferred until 10 o'clock to-morrow. Carried.

Bishop Wayman then appointed the following brethren as Marshals.

After these appointments, Bishop Jabez P. Campbell was introduced, and delivered the following Quadrennial Address:

After the address the Rev. C. O. H. Thomas offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We have attentively listened, and instructively entertained by the Quadrennial Address delivered by Rev. Jabez P. Campbell, be it

Resolved, That this General Conference, now convened in its seven'steenth Quadrennial Session, tenders their hearty appreciation. Be it further

Resolved, That said address be received and filed, and the varied subjects be referred to their appropriate committees.

Rev. W. H. Hunter said he was in favor of the resolution provided the reference in the address to the officer which this Conference does not know, to wit: a Deputy Manager of the Book Concern. He moved that that part of the address be struck off.

Rev. J. B. Stansbury of the Ohio Conference moved that Rev. Mr. Hunter's amendment be laid on the table.

Rev. Mr. Townsend, regarding the motion of Dr. Stansbury as being entirely out of order, for the reason that the address does not come up in the shape of a report to be acted upon by the General Conference. It is simply an address from the Bishop of the Conference.

Rev. J. H. A. Johnson said it was not in order to debate a motion to lie on the table, but he would say that if we are a law making body this matter was too important to be disposed of in this manner.

Rev. Dr. Tanner, Editor of the Christian Recorder, said that some members had said there was no authority for the additional officer, the Deputy Manager. Rev. Theodore Gould, and if his memory served him, rightly it was said that there was not

a shadow of law in support of the management of the Board, he would therefore read from the discipline page:—"It shall be lawful for the Board to grant the above mentioned officers, such additional help as they may request, and as in the judgment of the Board is necessary for the more successful prosecution of their several duties."

Rev. Mr. Stansbury withdrew his motion to lie on the table. The original motion was then taken up for discussion.

Rev. A. M. Green of Louisiana moved that that part of the address which refers to Deputy Manager be referred to a special committee. While the discussion was going on Bishop Wayman requested Rev. Mr. Hunter to give way for a short while. The Rev. gentleman having complied, Bishop Payne came forward and introduced the Great Revivalist, the Rev. D. L. Moody to the General Conference.

Discussion being resumed, Rev. Mr. Johnson moved that the amendments to the original question be indefinitely postponed. Carried.

The previous question was then called for and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Stansbury requested that with the consent of conference his name be struck out of the list of members on the committee on credentials, and the name of Rev. Philip Tolver be substituted. Granted.

Rev. A. T. Carr of the South Carolina Conference, also requested that his name be withdrawn, and that of Rev. B. F. Porter be substituted. Granted.

On motion, Conference adjourned till 3 o'clock. Benediction, by D. L. Moody.

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ADDRESS OF THE BISHOPS

To the Members of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN:—

By Divine Grace and Providence another page of Methodist History has been filled in our Conventional existence during the past four years. Upon that page we find recorded many events of high importance and deep interest. We read some of them with sorrow, but most of them with joy and thanksgiving. In a retrospective view of those years, let us ask the question, who have died during that time of those who composed the membership of the last General Conference? A still small voice from the Spirit Land, the region of the dead, answers in language never to be forgotten, "Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth; yes saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Among those who have departed this life we have to record the names of Rev. John H. W. Burley, late Finance Secretary of the Church, a member of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Second Episcopal District. From the First Episcopal District Jared Morris Lay, Delegate from New England Conference.

Second Episcopal District.

Third Episcopal District.

Fourth Episcopal District.

Fifth Episcopal District—Louisiana Conference, Rev. James H. Madison, Rev. Charles Burch.

Sixth Episcopal District—Mississippi Conference, Rev. Henry A. Jackson.

Florida Conference—Rev. J. W. Wyatt.

East Florida Conference—Rev. John R. Scott.

All the Brethren whom we have named are gone, and thus we shall all pass away until the last name will be called in the Annual Conference to answer this question, "Who

have died this year?" But we must pass from this to the consideration of other subjects. Hard times as they are called, should never be allowed to hinder the work of the Church of God; because there is always means enough among her members to meet all actual demands. All that is wanting is the true spirit of sacrifice, according to the Scriptures, with wiser economy in the use of money, and better book-keeping, we can succeed. A faithful observance of these simple rules will put the church in a healthy financial condition.

Nothing has occurred during the past sixty-four years to shake our convictions of the utility and importance of the existence of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, nor to lessen our attachments to its institutions. We venture to say that all things considered, her history being compared with that of other churches, there does not exist a more united ecclesiastical community than ours upon the American Continent. Almost universal peace and harmony have existed amongst our ministry and members during the past four years. This has been exhibited in their submission to doctrine, discipline and government. With a few exceptions there is harmony and unity among our ministers and laymen in adhering to the peculiarities of our ecclesiastical system. During the past four years our Heavenly Father has let a cloud of mercies pass over us, and while it was passing, He opened the windows of Heaven and poured out his blessings upon us until revival succeeded revival, and many souls have been saved to the glory and honor of His name. Thousands have been added to the church, our borders have been continually extending, and our houses of worship are rapidly multiplying, with increased beauty of architecture. These houses are offering their beauty and comforts to an increasing number of worshippers. We are pleased to inform you that the zeal of our people for multiplying comfortable parsonages is increasing. May God Almighty bless them for their works and labors of love which they have performed in His name and for the sake of His cause and Kingdom. It has been well said, "That changes are sometimes absolutely necessary, economical and eminently useful in adapting things to the altered conditions of times and places." But those changes which affect the constitution and consistency of things

must be guarded with jealous vigilance lest the whole system of government of the Church be overthrown. We are pleased to be enabled to inform you that our preachers have been more liberally supported during the past four years than of any former period of our history. Nevertheless, there are too many instances in which preachers and their families have had to endure much suffering. This, however, has not been for the want of ability and general willingness of the people to support their Pastors and their families; but it has been for the want of a right and proper management of Stewards and Quarterly Conferences having not a mind to work. They have badly managed. We have not reached the highest points attainable in our Sunday School Departments in the selection of Teachers, Instructors and in the production of Sunday School literature in the product of the brain power of our own best thinkers, writers and speakers. But we are progressing rapidly in the right direction. We have a few most excellent Preachers, Teachers and Instructors amongst our Sunday School workers. We want and must have a literature of our own, the product of our own hands, heads and hearts, adapted to the wants and necessities of our people. We entreat you, Fathers and Brethren, let us have a Sunday School literature adapted to the wants and necessities of our schools. From this department our Israel is now receiving her most efficient ministers and members: the most faithful and true workers in the church. With every advancing year of history it is being shown that the subject of general education, under the special care of the church, is a powerful agency for good and a means of success. The great demand for scholarly attainments amongst both sexes, the widely spreading intellectual life of our times, the impetus given by classical and scientific knowledge leave no alternative for us but to meet the emergency with extensive and energetic measures, or surrender all that we have attained by our separate and independent existence as a church organization, and abandon all of our once bright hopes and prospects of the future of our Race. But this we cannot do. Our Wilberforce University, with our Collegiate, High and Normal Schools, must of necessity be sustained by us. Better that we had never borne the name of a

separate and independent church organization than that these now flourishing institutions should fail for the want of that aid and comfort which you can give them. Brethren, are you prepared to surrender, let it be said the African American has failed in this case, to be self-sustaining and capable of self government? We think we hear the response from every true hearted man: "No, never." We recommend that there be one or more Parochial Schools in the bounds of each Episcopal District to meet the wants of our people in many localities for the education of their children. They are an absolute necessity with us in the work of preparing an educational system to reach all classes of our people, and preparing students for Wilberforce University, a work yet to be accomplished and made perfect. It is now only a question of time to be shortened and limited by your most wise and judicious action.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY.

So far as the number of students and secular development is concerned, it is in a flourishing condition, but it lacks endowment for Professorships and scholarships, so much so that the perpetuity of the institution can be arrested in a day by the resignation of the Professors.

We, therefore, hope that the General Conference will do something effective for its complete endowment.

COKEBURY INSTITUTES.

Respecting the School at Cokesbury, South Carolina. We regret to inform you that this institution is in need both of necessary buildings are complete support for even one teacher, when it ought to have support for at least two. But, inasmuch as the details of the condition and wants of these institutions will be laid before you by the respective authorities we refer you to their report for further information.

THE CAUSE OF MISSION.

Moreover, we call your attention to the Cause of Mission, both Home and Foreign. There is an increased interest in the cause of Missions, particularly in the foreign work. By the grace of God we can say we have opened the Haytian Mission, and have been enabled to sustain Rev. Brother Mossel and his wife, as will be seen by the report of the Secretary of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society, James M. Townsend. Our foreign missionary work

is by no means what it should be.

THE CAUSE OF MISSIONS.

Even this ability does not represent our ability to take part in the work of the Christianization of the world. For we have only been successful in sustaining one Foreign Missionary since our organization sixty-four years ago. And for sustenance we are almost wholly indebted to the Women's Mite Missionary Society, of which you will learn more from the report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society. God hath set before us an open door. No man can shut it. The wail of perishing millions in the interior of the continent of Africa is the language of the Macedonian cry: "Come over and help us." In answer to that cry we must obey that voice; the cry must be heard and answered. The Missionary spirit has not reached that degree of strength and intensity of interest among us which should arouse our whole church with respect to her whole duty toward those souls who sit in the region and shadow of death. The Missionary spirit is the life of the church. Where this does not exist there death and destruction reign. The Women's Mite Missionary Society, is, by the kind providence of God, a new element of success in our Foreign Missionary operations. This work is of great promise, and it is peculiarly adapted to the wants and necessities of the case of our contemplated Foreign Missionary work. This has been clearly and fully demonstrated in our

HAYTIAN MISSION.

From our long experience and observation we have learned that the less legislation we have the better always when the form of government is known to be practical, beneficial and useful. We should be much more concerned about the recognition of a great principle of true policy than about making new laws and mending old ones which have been proved beneficial, and useful in their application. The economy of our church should be established upon the most careful experiments and observations that are possible to be made. And to give it strength, beauty and stability, we should extend its usefulness and increase its executive power, by guarding against the influence of that reckless spirit of the age of innovation, which, conjoined with captivating theories, invades even the house of God, the gate of Heaven which is the pillar and ground of truth

and it strives powerfully to overturn long established principles, rules and regulations and convictions. Just as though government has no foundation in that being who created all things for His glory; and it was nothing more than the common opinion of those who represent the times in which they live. It becomes the duty of the church to maintain her standing in the solid foundation of her well tried systems, and to seek no resting place in the sandy foundations of uncertain and tempting theories of visionary and unstable minded men. Our modern Methodism does not need new laws; it needs new life and power, such as it originally possessed, enabling it to spread abroad, and send its benign influence throughout the whole world. By the grace of God, we your General Superintendent, et al. have been enabled to hold all the annual Conferences during the last four years. We have attended many Districts, Quarterly Meetings, and travelled extensively through our several fields of labor. Should we be favored with the blessing of God to enjoy health and strength, such as we have enjoyed during the past four years, we see no reason why that we should not be able to discharge all the duties of the General Superintendent during the next four years, to avoid addition of increased taxation. With this statement we submit the subject to your Godly judgment, ready and willing to abide your decision, after careful and prayerful consideration, you will be able to understand the manner in which we have discharged the duties required of us, the General Superintendents of the church from the journal of the annual conference, which will be before you for your examination and inspection. Once every four years our administration is reviewed by the highest authority of the church. This action of yours gives us great satisfaction, because, if we have failed in the practical discharge of our duties, or erred in judgment, we desire to understand our errors, and thus be enabled to modify our administration, according to the judgment of the highest authority of the church. If our administration has been wise, judicious and useful, according to your judgment, then that confidence which the church has heretofore had in her chief pastors will be increased and perpetuated through all coming time, as long as we can merit your honest and hearty approval. We are fully persuaded that this branch of the Christian

church, like every other church, has been planted and raised up by the hand of the Almighty for the accomplishment of certain gracious and divine purposes, under the government of God. With this view of the subject, it becomes morally, religiously, and educationally necessary that this church should have a liberally educated ministry, blessed with a holy and sanctified education to lead on the sacramental host within her borders. Wilberforce University, and all colleges, academies, schools and seminaries of learning of every grade amongst us must become self-sustaining, being made so by us, without depending upon other sources outside of ourselves for aid and comfort. Let us remember, and never forget that we demonstrate the truth of our ability for self-government by becoming and being self-sustaining. The African Methodist Episcopal Church to become a financial success, must wisely conduct her financial departments upon the very same principles and by the same rules, that all business and banking houses, companies and corporations, church organizations, and societies that have succeeded in business have done to succeed. We would have you to consider these statements when you came to legislate and to make rules and regulations for the government of the Book Concern and departments of the church having control of financial matters.

FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

The General Conference thought it wise to inaugurate a new financial system, for the better support of the general interest of the church. The dollar lay was then and there enacted, and from our observations it has worked admirably, as the report of the financial Secretary will show.

THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER.

During the entire quadrennial term, the editor, Rev. B. T. Tanner, has ably conducted the editorial columns of that paper. Although the paper in many respects has not been all that could be desired, yet it has presented a very favorable appearance and has taken its place by the side of other religious papers.

THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

This important interest of the Church still groans beneath the burden of debt. Despite the efforts of the Manager, together with that of the Deputy, the Rev. Theo. Gould, the embarrassments remain, but most probably not to the amount when the Quadrennium began, yet are they al-

together sufficient to cripple its great probabilities for good. We beg, however, to refer you to the Report which will shortly be presented to you. As it relates to the future we have it not in our hearts to say, "Let the work be abandoned." But hearing as we do the call of duty, we can but join with you in a renewal of effort to redeem the past and make secure the future.

A Publishing Department is as necessary to an impersonal organization as is the tongue that is necessary to our organization that is personal. How are we to talk with each other, and with the world, without such an institution, and talk we cannot both with ourselves and with the world. A press, therefore, is necessary to the full complement of the Church. A press from which will go forth weekly, "The Christian Recorder" and Monthly, the Child's Recorder and Quarterly, the African M. E. Magazine. Nor can we impress too deeply upon your minds the necessity for such legislation as will ensure the prompt publication of these. Anything less will be a stand still, when the voice of Providence is calling us to "Go forward."

We are happy to say that our fraternal relations with other branches of the Christian church, and especially with the Methodist family, have become very agreeable, and they are rapidly becoming more so as we are steadily advancing toward the coming blessed future, when the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man, will be universally acknowledged by all the families of men dwelling upon the face of the whole earth. But even now, the time come, when the Methodist Episcopal church both sends fraternal delegates to us and receives them from us. The Methodist Episcopal church South, has very kindly received fraternal delegates from us. The Wesleyan Methodist connection of Great Britain, the mother of all the Methodist family in the world, which has twenty-four different branches, or separate organizations, has most cordially received a fraternal delegate from us in all Christian kindness, as you will see by the following statement:

Our General Conference, meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in 1876, were pleased to create and appoint a Fraternal Delegation to visit and represent this Church in the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, in England, Bishop Jabez Pitt. Campbell and

Rev. William B. Derrick were appointed said Delegates. Bishop Campbell met the Wesleyan Conference at Birmingham, England, in July, 1879. He was most kindly received by that venerable and Christian body, and to him were extended all the acts of Christian courtesy, needful, or even desirable to be bestowed upon any person visiting them, in like capacity. He had the honor of appearing before the Conference and the Legal Hundred, the Legal Successors in office of the Rev. John Wesley, A. M., and there he had an opportunity of representing this Church to that mother connection of all the Methodist family. Here, and wherever he afterward traveled, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, he witnessed an amount of sympathy for Africa and persons of African descent, such as he never before witnessed. Nevertheless, with all of their truly high and superior degree of intellectual and moral culture, he found them to be exceedingly ignorant upon the subject of the moral, religious, political, social and educational status or condition of the Colored people in America; and particularly, those of the United States in the South. With eyes of pity and compassion they looked upon us as being the most degraded and farthest removed from the highest degree of Christian civilization of any people under Heaven.

They thought that our independent church organizations, such of them as are not under the immediate control of the white man, a curse to the race. It has been said that the African Methodist Episcopal Church was the most unfortunate organization relative to the benefiting of the race that ever had an existence amongst the colored people upon the American Continent. Statements like these, only worse and more degrading have reached the ears of the good people of the Old World, and they have crept into the heart of the Methodist family. The Wesleyan Methodist Conference did not seem to understand that there existed in America an organization like the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a very respectable body of Christians, every way worthy of their notice among the colored people of America, and that this body of Christians is an independent, self-sustaining organization, not under the control of the white man or his church. Their most learned men appeared to

be wholly ignorant of the history, numbers, morals, religion, wealth, intelligence, education, extent, strength and beauty of our connection, when viewed from a just and righteous standpoint.

It is thus that we account for the fact that the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, the representatives of the best, the most generous and kind-hearted people in the world, have never sent a fraternal delegation to visit the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, when they sent them to visit the Methodist Episcopal Church and other branches of the Methodist family in America. They did not know; the fact that they have a very respectable daughter in the person of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in America, the first representative of the colored element of the Methodist family, we rejoice that we are able to inform you that the dark cloud of ignorance is passing away, and that the true light of knowledge is beginning to shine upon the Wesleyan Methodist mind upon the subject of the condition and the status of the colored man in America. They have already learned that the African Methodist Episcopal Church is not the most unfortunate organization that exists amongst the colored people of America.

And now, Dear Brethren, in conclusion, we commend you to God.

But on the contrary, such was the happy impression which you Delegates under God assembled to make that the Common Mother of our Common Methodism was pleased, on motion of Rev. Dr. Biggs, to appoint Rev. Wm. Arthur, M. A., and Rev. F. W. Macdonald, Fraternal Delegates to visit us at our present session; and it gives us pleasure to announce their arrival in the country, and the word of His grace, which is able to keep you upon; you rest numerous and great responsibilities; you have assembled under the solemn sanction of the Church of God to transact business, to make laws, rules and regulations for the better government of that portion of the church which has been committed to your care.

We pray earnestly for the Divine blessing upon your persons and upon your deliberations. May the Lord direct you in all your doings with His most gracious favor, and further you with His continual help, that in

all your works begun, continued and ended, in Him, we may glorify His Holy Name, and finally by His mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

D. A. PAYNE.
A. W. WAYMAN.
J. P. CAMPBELL.
J. A. SHORTER.
T. M. D. WARD.
JOHN M. BROWN.

A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

With the good example of our common mother, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the practice of all religious bodies under similar circumstances, without, however, having an opportunity to consult with his colleagues, but upon whose acquiescence he feels perfectly free to rely, it has pleased the Senior Bishop, the Rev. D. A. Payne, D.D., LL.D., to appoint Friday, 7th of May, as a day of fasting and prayer for the whole Church and the General Conference to supplicate the Lord that He will be graciously pleased to guide the Delegates in all of their deliberations to the end that His Name may be glorified and the best interests of the Church subserved.

B. T. TANNER, Sec. pro tem.

RULES OF ORDER AND GOVERNMENT.

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MORNING SESSION.

Conference was opened at 9:30 a. m. Bishop Wayman said, that according to pre arrangement, having proceeded yesterday, he will temporarily occupy the chair this morning until the reading of the Journal of yesterday.

The Rev. W. H. Hunter, of the New England Conference conducted the religious services.

The opening hymn was on page 491 of the hymn book; hymn 591.

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free.
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great redeemer's throne,—
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone,

O for a lowly contrite heart,
Believing, true and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine,
Perfect and right, and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.

He then offered the following prayer after the hymn was sung:

PRAYER.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we desire at this hour; to worship Thee, and we look to Thee for thy praise; and in order that we may come before Thee acceptably, we pray Thee in the beginning, to pardon us of all our iniquities, and sins; and help us to feel that our God is reconciled. Grant unto us the gift of thy holy spirit. Continue thou to lift up on us the light of thy reconciled

countenance, so that we may continue to work for the advancement of thy church here on earth, that we may see the success of our labors, and thereby glorify thy holy name. Give us clear heads, loving hearts, and earnestness in the great work which is essential to success. May we now and always work for the upbuilding of thy church, and the salvation of men. Bless all for whom it is our duty to pray. Oh, be our guide and light, and graciously grant that all our acts and deliberations may be guided by thee. We pray thee to bless the bishops of our connection, the members of this church, and the members of the General Conference. Help us all to continue to labor for thee, and the advancement of thy cause. These and other blessings we ask, for Christ's sake; Amen.

The roll was called by the Reading Clerk, Mr. Goings.

Bishop Wayman then asked Secretary Arnett to read the Journal. After the reading of the morning session it was approved.

The afternoon session was then read, and by motion of Rev. Mr. Chambers of Tennessee, it was approved.

Bishop Campbell then took the chair at 10:15.

Dr. Jackson of Cleveland moved to amend rule, but was interrupted by the secretary, who said there was unfinished business from yesterday, and ought to be disposed of before new business was taken up.

Bishop Campbell ruled that the unfinished business must first be attended to. The Secretary then read unfinished business.

Dr. Cain said he desired the passage of a resolution appointing a com-

mittee on Finance and Ways and Means, because they represent all that appertains to the finance of the church. As it is, we simply make our laws and leave them to be executed by others. It seemed to him that this ought to be changed. Rev. T. H. Jackson asked whether under the present system that would do away with the finance committee?

Dr. Cain said it would take the place of the finance committee.

Rev. Jackson said if conference appoints a committee to manage the affairs of finance for the next four years, would it do away with the finance committee?

Dr. Cain said that the finance committee and the financial board would cost \$500.

Dr. Johnson rose to a point of order; he said the question before the conference is the adoption of the additional committee, not the merits of the finance board.

It was asked by a member what limit is accorded each member to discuss a question.

The Bishop said none.

Rev. Shaffer, of Tennessee, then read a portion of the discipline, showing that each member is not allowed to speak more than twice nor longer than ten minutes.

Elder Hunter rose to a point of order; he insisted that Dr. Cain ought not to discuss the merits of the financial board when the question before the house was that of the additional committee.

Rev. M. E. Bryant argued that Dr. Cain's position tends to altering that

portion of the discipline which treats of the financial board.

Rev. J. Haynes requested that the Secretary read rule 8th. This was not acceded to. He then read the rule himself, as follows:

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Dr. Shaffer insisted that according to rule 10, Dr. Cain has already exceeded the limit given to each speaker. Dr. Shaffer demanded the enforcement of rule 10.

Dr. Cain refused to yield to Rev. Shaffer; he demanded his rights and appealed to the chair for protection.

Dr. Shaffer then read rule 10, and moved that the conference allow him ten minutes to explain himself.

Rev. Wm. F. Johnson rose to a point of order; he said that the order of the day is the subject now before conference, and if Rev. Shaffer does not understand this, he should take his seat until he does.

Rev. J. H. Stansbury, of Ohio, moved that the decision of the chair be sustained and Dr. Cain be allowed ten minutes to speak. Carried.

Dr. Cain then proceeded:

He said that the committee on appropriations will ascertain how much is necessary to carry on the general conference, and appropriate money in accordance with the necessity. The committee on Ways and Means will devise means to raise this appropriation. You will observe and you will pardon me; I have made this calculation: Dr. Cain here submitted a calculation which he had on the sub-

ject before the conference: For salaries, \$80,000; educational purposes, \$100,000; missions, \$30,000; church extension, \$50,000; book department, \$20,000.

He continued:

The Ways and Means will devise the means; the appropriation committee will appropriate the money. I have concluded that it is not for the church or conference to do this, but the respective committees. The law says the officers will make out their bills, and the conference must pay, but we cannot pay their bills with the funds at our disposal, and therefore I take this new departure. The committee on Ways and Means will do what they—

Bishop Campbell ruled that the time was up.

Rev. Mr. Stansbury moved that Dr. Cain be allowed five minutes more.

Rev. Cooper moved to amend by allowing him 15 minutes. Carried.

Dr. Cain then proceeded. The committees are the eyes and ears and ways of the conference. The conference has laid down the basis, and the committees are to act upon them. The conference fixes the appropriations, and the committees are to execute the suggestions of the conference.

Mr. Stansbury wished to ask a question, but was refused the privilege.

Dr. Cain proceeded: It is a remarkable fact that after 62 years we come in the most enviable light—we are not as far advanced to-day as we were when Richard Hogarth controlled the Book Concern. Without a press, with the facilities for traveling then as at present, he was able to erry on the work with admirable success. This great African church of ours is a unit, and we cannot afford to have any East, West, North or South, but to labor harmoniously for the good of the general cause. Now then, Brother Stansbury wanted to know by whom this appropriation shall be made. I say by the conference.

Mr. Stansbury. That's what I am opposed to.

Dr. Cain. Well, in your Annual conferences you ordain your ministers; you transact business which remain in force till the next sitting; you legislate till the next session of the conference. Why not at the General conference do the same?

The next committee is on the Financial Secretary and Financial Board. The last Financial Secretary has passed away. Some differences have occurred; some deficiencies appeared in his books, and hence it is the duty of this conference to examine his books and place them in a clear light before the conference.

Rev. Thos. H. Jackson. We have listened to a very good theory—a very good theory, indeed, but it appears to me an absurd idea for us now to make appropriations for the next four years. During the interval contingencies may arise over which the appropriations may not be sufficient to meet.

The Rev. Harrison rose to a point of order. He said that the conference has ever made appropriations for four years previous.

Dr. Jackson moved then that the committee on appropriations be dispensed with. No second being had it was lost.

Rev. Stansbury said he was in favor of the committee on appropriations, and hoped it will be created. I think, said he, that such a committee is just what we want. We have been long enough on the shore; we want to launch out in the deep, and that committee, so very essential, should by all means be created.

Rev. H. M. Foley, of Mississippi, said this question is a practical one. The church all down the country and all over the country ask for it. He hoped that the resolution will be adopted.

Rev. J. C. Embrey said he wished to make a few remarks. It seemed to him that the extensive details of the discussion indulged in by Dr. Cain is preconceived. He was aware that

Dr. Cain has been some time in public life; ought to know that in such a matter it is not practicable for this theory to be advanced to be carried into execution. He would ask Dr. Cain if conscientiously whether he believed his theory is practical.

Dr. Cain answered in the affirmative.

Rev. Embrey said that Brother Jackson's remarks in support of Dr. Cain's resolution is an argument of the most windy kind. For Dr. Cain to undertake to administer for the General conference for four years before-hand is a practical impossibility. We all read in history that governments do make such appropriations, but provision is made in such cases for contingent expenses. The truth is that in years past, in the 60 years of our history to which he so eloquently referred, we have been made to do so, but we never successfully devised any means whereby this could be remedied. We have for the past four years learned better. We therefore cautioned those who think like Dr. Cain to hasten slowly. We should build up and not destroy. It is very easy for Dr. Cain to sit in the study and write out theories, but such theories are impracticabilities.

It was moved that Mr. Embrey be given 15 minutes longer. Carried.

Mr. Embrey proceeded. It is easy to picture such things on paper, but it is an impossibility in practice. We all know that in the affairs of this world it is very difficult to get men to understand many things—things that are practical and things that are impractical. Scattered over this broad country as we are, it requires time to travel and get men to see things in the same light as we see. I appeal to the candid judgment and decision of every honest brother here to-day if ever we have been able in the history of the church to do so much as we have been able to do during the past four years.

I say, therefore, do not be in a hurry to put aside what has been success-

fully put in operation during the past eight years, and take up a new fangled theory presented by Dr. Cain, though it may be presented with a silver top. Now, we have sent abroad during the past four years hundreds upon hundreds of dollars to aid our church, and in support of our book concern, and I say that in the history of our church we have never had that prosperity which has attended us during the past four years. It would have been a matter of courtesy in the part of Dr. Cain to wait until the officers of the book concern had made out their report. I therefore, ask the brethren not to act hastily, but with discretion. It seems to me there is a scheme in this move. Why be so hasty, why come loaded from top to toe. Why attack this subject before the Financial Secretary has made his report. Why not wait till the editor, the publisher, and other officers had made their report. I say to you now, that should any change be made in the present system of managing the book concern, many devoted members of the cause will come to the next General Conference with great regrets. I hope no member will take umbrage at what I say. I am only one man. I ask no odds of any one, but only justice upon the grounds of Christianity.

Bishop Shorter here invited all ministers of the church within the bounds of the bounds of the Conference.

Rev. W. Henderson of the Baptist Church in this city, and Rev. Mr. Howell of New York then came forward and were introduced to the Conference.

Elder Fitzpatrick of the Alabama Conference said that we come up as experimental law-makers having an experience of four years. We have come up here for the good of the cause in general. We ought not to crawl like a snail. We want an entire renovation. We want to lay the foundation of a sound financial basis. I therefore moved the previous question.

Dr. Cain said he wanted the com-

mittees appointed now. The committee is the work of the General Conference. Secretary read

Committee on Appropriations.

Committee on Ways and Means.

Committee on Financial Board.

Committee on Book Concern.

The previous question was called for and adopted.

Rev. C. O. A. Thomas moved that the motion be reconsidered and laid on the table.

Bishop Campbell ruled that the motion having passed, could not be reconsidered and laid on the table.

Mr. Thomas appealed from the decision of the Chair.

W. E. Johnson of South Carolina insisted that unless the Chair could parliamentary rule for refusing to put the question, he will insist that the appeal from the Chair be sustained.

Rev. A. R. Green said he does not believe that the Chair means to appear discourteous or unruly, but maintains that it is illegal to make such a motion. A decision was made after the General Conference had voted by a large majority to adopt the previous question. He read from the Discipline, page 111, "Shall the presiding officers in an annual conference have power to refuse to put a question after being duly seconded? Ans. They have no power. Now Mr. Chairman, in all parliamentary discussions, a motion to reconsider and lay on the table is always in order and not debatable. And Brother Thomas's motion being duly seconded, the Chair has no other alternative but submit the motion to the action of the Conference."

Bishop Wayman said there was no such rule in any ecclesiastical body.

Dr. Turner said there was no rule unless there was a precedent established by Bishop Wayman himself at the last General Conference, when Dr. Cain made a similar motion. He then referred to the minutes of the Conference.

Bishop Campbell then said whether it was legal, he would put it if the Conference so desires.

The previous question was called

for, namely, the one made by Rev. C. O. H. Thomas, to consider and lay on the table. Mr. Thomas again made the motion, and a vote was taken resulting 101 for and 18 against. Mr. Thomas' motion was then adopted.

Dr. Cain moved that the conference now proceed to appoint the committees.

Rev. Mr. Shaffer said that question being laid on the table the conference could not now appoint any committees.

Bishop Brown said that brother Thomas has made a resolution to reconsider and lay on the table, and consequently no committee can now be appointed. He wants to know of Mr. Thomas what he meant by his motion to reconsider and to lay on the table?

Mr. Thomas said he meant by so doing to take away from the minority all power to again call up the question, but to so have the matter entirely in the hands of the majority in order that they may be able to appoint their committees.

Bishop Brown thought otherwise. The motion virtually disposes of the question and no committee can now be formed.

Elder Embury said that the majority has broken their heads with their own hammer, the way the motion was put there can be no committee formed. It was finally decided otherwise, and a motion was made again by Dr. Cain to form the committees of two from each Episcopal district and one alternate.

Rev. Mr. Thomas, of New York, said if the motion to lay on the table means what Mr. Thomas explains them, he for one, and he believes many other members, have voted ignorantly.

Rev. Thomas said the majority is not accountable for the ignorance of Mr. Thomas of New York.

A motion to adjourn was made but voted down.

Mr. Thomas said he made a motion to reconsider and lay on the table

knowing fully what he was doing. If any member of the conference voted ignorantly he is accountable. Now, Rev. T. G. Stewart had said that the motion purported from a villain, in other words it was villainous. He therefore demanded an explanation from Rev. Mr. Stewart with the consent of the conference.

Rev. T. G. Stewart said so far as the brother is concerned he had no reference to the brother whatever. It is however a fact that in the light in which the motion was put it was calculated to deceive. A motion was made and passed to form certain committees. Brother Stewart immediately moved to reconsider the motion, and lay it (motion) on the table if this latter motion means anything else, it certainly is villainous.

Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Stewart if he meant to say that his motive was villainous?

Elder Stewart.—Only God can look down upon motives. I can't.

Rev. M. E. Bryant from Alabama Conference then handed Cushing's Manual to be read in support of the position he and Bishop Wayman took on the subject.

The committee were at last formed.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION.

New York Conference, William J. Davidson; Ohio, W. H. Jackson; New England, Deaton Doyle; Missouri, James Madison; Louisiana, Godfray B. Taylor; California, J. M. Triplett; Virginia, B. H. A. Moore; North Carolina, W. M. Hunter; Mississippi, O. A. Douglas; South Carolina, R. H. Cain; Georgia, S. H. Robinson; North Georgia, D. J. McGhee; Florida, J. H. Welch; Alabama, J. M. Fitzpatrick; Florida East, T. C. Duman; Texas, —

Wilhite; West Texas, A. E. Jackson; Arkansas, E. H. H. Petigrew; South Arkansas, H. A. Chambers; Tennessee, J. W. Early; West Tennessee, G. W. Washington; Kentucky, O. Ross; Pittsburg, B. A. Thompson; New Jersey, Redman Foster; Illinois, H. Depew; Kansas, J. W. Wilson; Columbia, S. H. Jefferson; N. E. Texas, W. R. Carson; N. Mississippi, G. W. Stringer; N. Alabama, F. H. Smith; Indian, J. F. A. Sisson.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Philadelphia Conference, W. C. Banton; Baltimore, John J. Herbert; Ohio, J. B. Stansbury; New England, E. Dorrell; Indiana, A. J. Farley; Missouri, J. C. Owens; Louisiana, A. R. Green; California, W. H. Offer; Virginia, W. H. Brown; North Carolina, Geo. Hunter.

Rev. Mr. Hunter moved that the Conference appoint to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to receive the fraternal delegates from the B. M. M. E. Church. Carried.

Rev. W. F. Dickson moved that there be a committee of three be appointed to receive all fraternal delegations. Carried.

The Bishop then appointed Revs. J. M. Wilkerson, F. T. Dickson and W. W. Johnson.

Bishop Shortt announced that in the church to-night Elder Andrew Brown of the Georgia Conference, E. A. Williams of South Carolina, Rev. E. A. Brooks of Tennessee will preach at Brooklyn. The chairmen of then appointed the time and place of meeting.

The bishop then appointed the following committee on Missions: W. C. Benton and C. W. Porter. Doxology was then sung.

Benediction by Rev. J. M. Townsend of the Indiana Conference.

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14th. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time a question is put shall vote unless excused.

15th. All questions pertaining to Petitions, Resolutions, or Amendments to charge the Discipline, shall first be read before the conference and lie over a day before being altered, rescinded or repealed, if desired by one-third of the Conference, unless on the last day of its session.

16th. All resolutions offered to amend, enlarge or change the phraseology of the Book of Discipline shall be read three consecutive times before the Conference, if desired by any member, and referred to the appropriate committee if necessary.

17th. The previous question shall never be demanded upon any resolution before two members shall have been heard *pro* and *con*, if desired.

18th. A motion to lay an amendment upon the table removes the whole question from before the house for the present, and if not lifted from the table is equal to an indefinite postponement of the subject; but it does not destroy the right of the further consideration of the question at any future time.

19th. Privileged questions are as follows: 1. Motion to adjourn. 2. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference. 3. Motions relating to members individually. 4. Motion for the orders of the day.

20th. When a question of order is raised, all other business must be

suspended until the point is settled. The President must decide the point without debate, subject to an appeal to the Conference. But nothing is a point of order that does not involve a supposed breach of the Rules or special Orders.

21st. Reasonable time shall be given for the minority to report, before final action shall be taken upon the report of the majority.

22d. Should the Conference, at any time, go into the Committee of the Whole, the presiding Bishop may call one of the Elders to the chair.

23d. When a member rises and gives notice of an intention to offer a resolutions he may preface it with a few explanatory remarks, not to exceed three or four minutes, without unanimous consent.

24th. No expression of assent or dissent shall be allowed while any member is speaking.

25th. In case the Conference should become disorderly, and violate the rules of clerical dignity and refuse to come to order, any two of the Bishops may adjourn it to the next regular hour of meeting.

26th. There shall be two Marshals appointed and two Alternates, whose duty it shall be to protect the bar of the Conference from the encroachment of persons not entitled to seats therein, and to assist the President in maintaining order, whenever instructed to do so by the said presiding officer.

H. M. TURNER, *Chairman*,
J. P. STANSBERRY,
MOSES DICKSON,
J. H. A. JOHNSON,
J. C. EMBREY,
R. H. CAIN,
WILLIAM F. DICKERSON,
—Committee.

COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY.

Philadelphia Conference,	J. S. Thompson
Baltimore,	J. H. Handy
New York,	J. H. Thomas
Ohio,	Thos. H. Jackson
New England,	Deaton Dorrell
Indiana,	John McSmith
Missouri,	J. Wilkerson
Louisiana,	A. M. Green
California,	I. N. Triplett
Virginia,	W. D. W. Schureman
North Carolina,	W. S. Hunter
Mississippi,	A. H. A. Dixon
South Carolina,	A. T. Carr
Georgia,	E. P. Holmes
North Georgia,	R. H. Harper
Florida,	I. H. Welch
Alabama,	L. Hillery
Texas,	H. Wilhite

Arkansas	A. A. Williams
N. E. Texas	W. R. Carson
West Texas	A. F. Jackson
South Arkansas	R. M. Dickerson
Tennessee	J. W. Early
West Tennessee	B. L. Brooks
Kentucky	J. W. Asbury
Pittsburg	W. A. J. Phillips
New Jersey	R. Faucett
Illinois	E. C. Joiner
Kansas	J. W. Braxton
Columbia	David Pickett
North Mississippi	T. W. Stringer
North Alabama	Prince Gardner
Indiana	J. F. A. Sesson
East Florida	W. W. Sampson

COMMITTEE ON DELEGATIONS.

Philadelphia Conference	H. A. Knight
Baltimore	R. F. Wayman
New York	C. T. Shaffer
Ohio	J. B. Stansbury
New England	F. J. Cooper
Indiana	M. Lewis
Missouri	J. C. C. Owens
Louisiana	L. Gardiner
California	W. H. Offer
Virginia	John C. Cook
North Carolina	J. O. Fry
Mississippi	O. A. Douglass
South Carolina	W. H. Johnson
Florida	J. J. Sawyer
East Florida	J. Woods
North Georgia	Jas. Porter
Georgia	A. Atwater
Alabama	E. Taylor
Texas	Grant
West Texas	G. Ryles
Arkansas	A. J. Chambers
S. Arkansas	G. H. Shaeffer
Tennessee	R. F. Hurley
W. Tennessee	S. Straws
Kentucky	T. A. Thompson
Pittsburg	R. M. Turner
New Jersey	S. H. Jefferson
Columbia	D. P. Davis
N. E. Texas	L. M. Mitchell
N. Miss.	E. W. Stone
N. Alabama	D. Barrows
Indian	

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship.

Bishop Shorter, Revs. J. Turner, J. M. Wilkerson, H. Depugh, E. C. Joiner.

PUBLICATION DEBT.

J. F. Thomas, J. E. Haynes, W. A. J. Phillips, Jesse Biss, C. L. Harris, A. M. Green, James Porter.

EDUCATION.

W. F. Dickerson, R. H. Cain, B. F. Lee, J. H. Hubbard, J. T. Jenifer, W. D. Johnson, H. A. Knight.

ROMANISM.

R. Faucett, I. N. Triplett, J. W. Asbury, C. S. Jacobs, J. J. Sawyer, A. J. Chambers, J. F. S. Sesson.

ON BOUNDARIES.

F. J. Cooper, J. G. Fry, G. H. Schaeffer, John

Turner, A. Grant, Edward Bryant, D. W. D. Schreman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

T. G. Steward, M. B. Sauter, B. L. Brooks, J. McSmith, C. T. Schaeffer, W. Carson, W. W. Sampson, T. E. Green.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY.

W. H. Hunter, J. A. Handy, T. A. Thompson, P. A. Hubbard, W. G. Steward, E. H. H. Pettigrew, Nathan Mitchem.

ON MISSIONS.

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The Quadrennial Sermon.

Rt. Rev. T. M. D. Ward, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., delivered the quadrennial sermon. His subject was "The Shepherd and the Flock," his text was the twenty-eighth verse of the twentieth chapter of the Acts. He said:

From the beginning of time until now, whenever God contemplated any great change in the affairs of the world or the church, He has invariably raised up instrumentalities with which to prosecute the work He had planned out in his own mind. Abraham was to be the sire of a race who were to be the admoners of God's recorded will. This nation was to be in number as the stars that illumine the midnight skies; and as the shining sand-grains upon the ocean's strand. Moses, who was an adept in the learning of the Egyptians, was commissioned to bear the message of liberty to the courts of the Pharaohs.

Prayer had smote the ear of Infinite Pity, and the arm that ruled the world reached down and grasped the manacled hand of captive Israel. The proud tyrant was warned of the approaching vengeance. In vain he defied the uplifted bolt of avenging

heaven. He resisted and was crushed. The new-born nation, guided by the mystic fiery cloud-pillar, rolled back the glad psalm. "The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name," and passed dry shod through the channels of the deep, and planted their feet, amid the strains of timbrel and harp, on freedom's distant shores.

When he announced the Decalogue, whose provisions were for the government of all nations in all after time, Moses was the agent; from the trembling summit of Sinai, amid the deafening roar of booming thunders, the blare of sounding trumpets, the quick, sharp shock of earthquakes and the lurid glare of lightnings, God simply uttered His protest against sin and announced the fearful punishment which should follow its commission. Above the column of smoke and fire and cloud was seen the cross making radiant the hill of Calvary.

When he would establish a permanent house of worship he elected David to collect the materials; which were valued at thirty millions. But he, being a man whose skirts were lurid with the gore of God's foes, was not permitted to build a temple, which, for beauty, durability and strength, has challenged the admiration of the ages. This magnificent structure was the emblem of that nobler and grander building, whose stones are the living members, of Him who is our risen, living head—that stone upon which this unbelieving and godless age is now breaking itself in pieces. The spiritual wall are still towering upward, and extending poleward their shining minarets catch the morn-beams of the burning dawn and flash back the golden glories of the western sunset.

HOW LABYRINTHINE AND MYSTERIOUS were the movements of the church in the earlier ages of the world? Prophets spoke, prayed, hoped and died. There came a time when there was no Urim and Thummim. The oracles of heaven were dumb. The nations were sighing for spiritual deliverance. Minerva could not satisfy the polished, the philosophic Greek. Who will feed our famishing soil? was the wail that escaped both Jewish and Gentile lips.

The predicted hour announcing redemption's morn had come. It was Christmas morning; the air was crisp and cold; the shivering shepherds were watching their flocks. A strange

feeling seized them; the heavens looked softer than ever before. They were strangely exhilarated; they looked and saw, trailing across the sky, a celestial visitor. They were alarmed. The heavenly stranger bid them dismiss their fears. He wheeled his steed of light, and moved back with marked celerity toward the gates of pearl. Millions of angels led the chorus of Redemption's song, while earth re-echoed back the choral strain, "Glory to God on high, peace and good will to all men," white and black, rich and poor, illiterate and learned.

The light that streamed from Bethlehem's star chased back the cimmerian darkness that shrouded the pathway to the tomb. The Babe of Bethlehem became the world's Redeemer. Others before him had enunciated great principles and truths. The tendency of their sapient utterances was to purify society, perpetuate order, illuminate the mind, bring in the reign of law, crush the iron hoof of the proud oppressor. But the soul's hunger-pains were still unsatisfied. Who will feed us? asked the hungry sheep. Those deep, stronger spiritual wants must be supplied.

Rome, flushed with conquest, her eagles and well-drilled battalions sweeping from sea to sea, panted for the rest which remains for the people of God. The adelphe oracle could not answer the soul's question: How shall I find rest? Minerva, Suno and Apollo were silent. Demosthenes, Socrates, Zero and Cicero could not feed the famishing heart.

The old thoughtful Greek heard weird voices in forest copse and on mountain cone; he saw wondrous shapes in flower, bird, cloud, star and sun.

But what is the great, beyond who will illumine the voiceless valley of the dead? What light shall drive back the thick night of darkness that hovers over the gates of the tomb? Shall not the fires of friendship and love be rekindled in the great, the everlasting hereafter? Tell me ye oracles of heaven!

One has said that the City of God was built on the

CONFLUENCE OF THREE CIVILIZATIONS. These separate states, of men were represented by the Hebrew, the Greek and the Roman. From this triple-headed fountain were to emerge the waters of the River of Life.

The Hebrews were the chosen people of God. With them He deposited His Word. In all their wanderings they forgot not the God of Abraham. They cherished the memories of their prophets, priests and kings. When captives in the land of the Chaldeans they would not tighten the wires of their harps, because the Daughter of Zion was humbled and and crushed. We can not wipe out the memory of Salem's sacred towers. Our harps shall still hang on the drooping willows that throw their long shadows over Babel's troubled stream.

For ages this Hebrew stream rolled through the earth—often turbid and turbulent—still its sacred waters fertilized the arid valleys of this sin-smitten earth, healing, purging, cleansing the surrounding nations.

What wondrous memories cluster about that heaven-guided race!

The Decalogue was the cornerstone of their civil as well as their ecclesiastical government.

The altar, the victim, the blood—all pointed to the great Victim, whose blood was to be an atonement for every race of every age and clime.

One of the great changes which opened a new era in the world's history was the overthrow of the Chaldean empire; and the Median and Persian army under the leadership of Cyrus, whom God had called, was the chief instrument in creating this marked epoch.

Babylon, with her massive walls, swinging gardens, brazen gates and stately towers—Babylon, the Hammer of the earth, was broken; but the power of Cyrus passed away.

Alexander the son of Philip of Macedon, leaped forth, like a lion from his covert shaking the glittering dewdrops of the morning from his bristling mane. His invincible warriors swept through the earth like a tempest of fire. For ages the Greek was the prince in the kingdom of letters, Athens became the birth place of philosophy, oratory, science, sculpture and poetry.

AFRICA CONTRIBUTED LARGELY toward increasing the literary grandeur of Greece. The Greek kindled his torch with the red fire that flamed and blazed on African altars. Mount Olympus almost became the rival of Mount Zion. That was the golden age of letters, when has the world produced such men as molded and directed the Grecian mind.

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Fourth Day's Proceedings

THURSDAY, MAY 6th, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

The Conference convened this morning at 9:30.

After the Conference was called to order by Right Rev. Bishop Campbell, the Rev. C. L. Harris opened the meeting by singing the 906th hymn, commencing at the third verse.

Help us to help each other, Lord,
Each other's cross to bear,
Let each his friendly aid afford,
And feel his brother's care.

OPENING PRAYER.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we do thank thee that thou hast permitted us to assemble together for the propagation of thy cause. We pray this morning to help and control our hearts and actions while we prepare ourselves for the business of to-day. While we are struggling for the advancement of the interesting cause of God, let Christ be in our heart. Give each one of us that spirit which we need on this occasion. Prevent all misunderstanding, and all hasty discussions. Let the cause of God be interesting to fallen humanity. Sustain and strengthen us. Bless the presiding Bishop. Bless us individually and collectively. Grant that all of our deliberations may meet

with thy approbation. Bless us all, for Christ's sake. Amen.

The roll was next called by the reading clerk, the majority of members answering to their names.

The minutes of the previous day's proceedings were read by the assistant secretary.

Mr. Carson wished to call attention to the committee of ways and means; but Mr. Cain moved that the minutes be approved.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas called the attention of the chair about certain points of the resolution of yesterday, which was argued to be laid on the table.

The chair satisfied him at that point; but Rev. Thomas was not satisfied, as the resolution did not read as he meant it to be read.

Resolution as re-read with its corrections considered and approved.

Bishop Campbell introduced Bishop Shorter as the presiding bishop of the day.

A. M. Green wished to be heard on some important matter. Overruled.

COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS.

The following were appointed:

Philadelphia Conference, W. C. Banton; Baltimore, J. J. Herbert; New York, J. H. Morgan; Ohio, J. B. Stansberry; New England, Deaton Doyle; Indiana, A. J. Foley; Missouri, J. C. Owens; Louisiana, A. M. Green; California, W. H. Offer; North Carolina, George Hunter; Virginia, W. H. Brown; Mississippi, A. H. Dixon; South Carolina, B. F. Porter; Georgia, Jas. Porter; North Georgia, Andrew Brown; Florida,

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Rev. M. W. Taylor, D. D., of Lexington Conference of the M. E. church, was introduced to the bishop by Rev. Dr. Wm. F. Dickerson, chairman of the committee on delegation. The bishop in turn introduced the distinguished gentleman to the conference.

The Secretary then read the following letter from the Cincinnati conference:

To the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, acting under the authority of the late General conference, have appointed the Rev. Marshal W. Taylor a fraternal delegate to your conference. This honored brother, who occupies a foremost rank among the ministers of our church, will represent to you our affairs, and convey to you the expression of our warmest regards and sympathy.

By order and on behalf of the board

of bishops. WILLIAM S. HARRIS,
Secretary.

Cincinnati, May 1, 1880.

The Rev. then rose and spoke as follows:

MY DEAR BRETHREN:

I come before you to-day with the fullest and highest admiration of your manhood, your pluck, and the showing forth of the grand advantages of your mind. As I look around, all the aspirations of my mind are brought forth, and the advancement to the great equality which has been long calculated. Perhaps it is right and proper for me to say a little about our own family, and then pass by some of the things that impress us now and will in the great future. We are glad to say to you that Christ has been with us in all of our missionary work. Far beyond these as we have been enabled to go into the dark interior and spread the great work of the gospel. Our missionaries' labor still in Christ's cause. It seems to be accompanied with power from on high. The divers people of the continent of Europe are growing more methodical. In Monrovia and Liberia we have done considerable work in teaching the gospel, which is flourishing on every hand. Stand closely together in all works of interest that go to make our people a star in the eyes of the world [applause], and to this end and for this purpose we have labored with assiduous efforts, and the Lord is with us. [Applause.]

We are sorry to say that we have had during this Quadrennial to mourn the loss of some of our dear brethren. Early in the Quadrennial we have laid in the cold grave Bishop James and Bishop Ames. When the Quadrennial was at its close the good Bishop Haven was called to his fathers; and so one by one some of our great lights have gone. We have seen with what courage you have gone forth in the land like a burning flame of fire, and have preached the Gospel from North to South, and from East to West. Your ministers have gone higher and higher within the past few

years, meriting the titles of B. A., A. M., D.D., and L. L. D.,—titles which are by no means inferior to those merited by the opposite race (applause) therefore we must praise God for such men as Richard Allen and Richard Hoser; the latter who was an apostle of Methodism among the colored people. He was a popular preacher. A renowned journalist said: "I have the opportunity of hearing Richard Hoser; he is the greatest preacher I have ever heard." He died in 1810. My friends, we are heroes. No one can put down the heroic period of Methodism, for they will have to put down Methodism itself, which no one can do (applause).

You have actually said "thy people shall be my people, where thou livest I will live, where thou diest I will die." We have stood to the font, and here we are living monuments of manhood (applause). Before us lies the banner of the Lord, and for that banner we have struggled against prejudices of every kind, both socially and ecclesiastically, but we can rejoice that we have battled like valiant soldiers to the present hour. The bond of unity is drawing closer and closer, and the time is not far distant when social equality will be shared by every man; for nothing else will satisfy the work of God (applause).

The literary progress we are making should not be unnoticed. We have the works of bishops Payne, Wayman, Tanner and others; and if Dr. Tanner would take out the term apology in his publication and insert "African Methodist History" it would sound a great deal better.

After the eloquent gentleman made a few further remarks, Rev. J. C. Jenifer offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Rev. Sisson of Indian Territory, and carried unanimously.

Whereas, We the Bishops of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church have received from the Methodist Episcopal Church the delegate of Fraternal Greetings, bearing as he

does by credentials and expressions such warm words of christian love and sympathy. Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of the sentiments uttered, and assure him of our warmest affections and prayers as co-workers in the vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ through the agency of a common Methodism.

Bishop Brown made the following appropriate reply:

Sir,—We have watched with greatest interest the wonderful progress of Methodism, which is the greatest evangelical body on the face of the earth. I have met your bishops; and I am glad to know of the abundant success with which Christ's work is met. I am exceedingly glad to hear of the facilities which you have in propagating the work of God. It is a grand deal to hope for the time when social as well as spiritual equality will be extended to the A. M. E. Church.

And now, my good brother, these letters are nothing short of the spirit of manhood of which you have spoken. (Applause.) I am glad to meet you. I am glad to see you, and I am glad to know you. I did not know that there was such a man of my race in the Methodist church. (Laughter.) We do heartily accept the greeting of our dear brethren.

Immediately, as the reverend gentleman closed his remarks, the room echoed with "Turner, Tanner, Bishop Ward."

Bishop Ward rose amidst loud cheering. He said:

Allow me to say this: I know that my friend Dr. Turner will give you something just what you will like to hear, therefore I will take my seat.

Dr. Turner rose and said:

My dear brethren, I desire to say that I am possibly less gratified to discharge this duty that you have pressed upon me, for my mind is very much obscured in publication business, but I will make a few remarks

and allow Dr. Tanner to respond.

I possibly have never been called upon at such a disadvantage in my life. You have heard the greetings borne by the able representative who has just spoken words relating to Christianity and words of encouragement. As one of the members of the General conference, and an humble member, too, I simply stand to say that all you have said about us, of our manhood, and of our zeal, give prestige to our race, not only for the getting to heaven, but also to be men; among the living. (Hear, hear.) It has been truly said, sir, that we have heroes in our religious body. But, sir, we also have them in our temporal community. (Loud applause.) We are glad, sir, that the time has arrived when we can see shining lights in our own organization, coming from our own race. (Loud applause.) We have the greatest and most powerful organization in this country, outside of the Catholic church (but we don't recognize them because they don't recognize us). We are glad to meet you, sir, blood of our blood and race of our race, and a man of culture. I must ask Dr. Tanner to finish my speech.

D. B. T. Tanner rose and said: A great battle was to be fought—a battle of liberty and perfect equality of all men, be they red, white or "blue," as Bishop Campbell had it. (Laughter.) That is no small battle. This grand religion of ours is the only religion that nerves men to make such strenuous efforts to fight a battle that puts all men on an equality. (Loud applause.) These sentiments are not superficial, but sentiments that are deep and founded upon the real principle of manhood. But there was not only the battle of religious equality to be fought, but the battle of social equality. Not one-tenth of the world understand what the Negro question is. Some think it is the abolition of slavery; but slavery has been abolished. Has the Negro question been abolished? I answer no; this

everlasting prejudice still remains.

The Negro question will not be settled, the enemy will not be conquered until we and our children be admitted into the school, church and parlor and everywhere with equal right. When that is done you will have the negro question settled.

The Dr., after making a few remarks further, closed his speech, and was loudly applauded.

Business of the day was resumed. Several changes relative to the appointment of committees were made, with warm discussion, several members desiring to carry their point.

"Nearer my God to thee" was sung to break off the monotony.

Recess of 15 minutes.

After recess it was necessary for the Business Manager's report to be made. P. W. Jefferson moved that the special order of the day be suspended. Motion seconded and carried.

This brought on warm discussion; by Rev. T. G. Stewart, and others.

Rev. E. Johnson, immediately rose and demanded through the Chair personal explanation of the personal remarks, and then personal apology. The house, seeming to demand this of Mr. Stewart, he said:

I propose to try not to offend any one. I do recollect the remarks of which he speaks. I have passed through a very important period of my life, and, therefore, know more about myself than any other person, which Brother Johnson does not know. But, for the sake of personal respect and for the dignity of this Conference, I will withdraw it in every respect in which it was made.

The following is the Committee on Book Concerns:

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Secretary.

Cincinnati, May 1, 1880.

The Rev. then rose and spoke as follows:

MY DEAR BRETHREN:

I come before you to-day with the fullest and highest admiration of your manhood, your pluck, and the showing forth of the grand advantages of your mind. As I look around, all the aspirations of my mind are brought forth, and the advancement to the great equality which has been long calculated. Perhaps it is right and proper for me to say a little about our own family, and then pass by some of the things that impress us now and will in the great future. We are glad to say to you that Christ has been with us in all of our missionary work. Far beyond these as we have been enabled to go into the dark interior and spread the great work of the gospel. Our missionaries labor still in Christ's cause. It seems to be accompanied with power from on high. The divers people of the continent of Europe are growing more methodical. In Monrovia and Liberia we have done considerable work in teaching the gospel, which is flourishing on every hand. Stand closely together in all works of interest that go to make our people a star in the eyes of the world [applause], and to this end and for this purpose we have labored with assiduous efforts, and the Lord is with us. [Applause.]

We are sorry to say that we have had during this Quadrennial to mourn the loss of some of our dear brethren. Early in the Quadrennial we have laid in the cold grave Bishop James and Bishop Ames. When the Quadrennial was at its close the good Bishop Haven was called to his fathers; and so one by one some of our great lights have gone. We have seen with what courage you have gone forth in the land like a burning flame of fire, and have preached the Gospel from North to South, and from East to West. Your ministers have gone higher and higher within the past few

years, meriting the titles of B. A., A. M., D.D., and L. L. D.,—titles which are by no means inferior to those merited by the opposite race (applause) therefore we must praise God for such men as Richard Allen and Richard Hoser; the latter who was an apostle of Methodism among the colored people. He was a popular preacher. A renowned journalist said: "I have the opportunity of hearing Richard Hoser; he is the greatest preacher I have ever heard." He died in 1810. My friends, we are heroes. No one can put down the heroic period of Methodism, for they will have to put down Methodism itself, which no one can do (applause).

You have actually said "thy people shall be my people, where thou livest I will live, where thou diest I will die." We have stood to the front, and here we are living monuments of manhood (applause). Before us lies the banner of the Lord, and for that banner we have struggled against prejudices of every kind, both socially and ecclesiastically, but we can rejoice that we have battled like valiant soldiers to the present hour. The bond of unity is drawing closer and closer, and the time is not far distant when social equality will be shared by every man; for nothing else will satisfy the work of God (applause).

The literary progress we are making should not be unnoticed. We have the works of bishops Payne, Wayman, Tanner and others; and if Dr. Tanner would take out the term apology in his publication and insert "African Methodist History" it would sound a great deal better.

After the eloquent gentleman made a few further remarks, Rev. J. C. Jenifer offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Rev. Sisson of Indian Territory, and carried unanimously.

Whereas, We the Bishops of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church have received from the Methodist Episcopal Church the delegate of Fraternal Greetings, bearing as he

does by credentials and expressions such warm words of christian love and sympathy. Therefore, Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of the sentiments uttered, and assure him of our warmest affections and prayers as co-workers in the vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ through the agency of a common Methodism.

Bishop Brown made the following appropriate reply:

Sir,—We have watched with greatest interest the wonderful progress of Methodism, which is the greatest evangelical body on the face of the earth. I have met your bishops; and I am glad to know of the abundant success with which Christ's work is met. I am exceedingly glad to hear of the facilities which you have in propagating the work of God. It is a grand deal to hope for the time when social as well as spiritual equality will be extended to the A. M. E. Church.

And now, my good brother, these letters are nothing short of the spirit of manhood of which you have spoken. (Applause.) I am glad to meet you. I am glad to see you, and I am glad to know you. I did not know that there was such a man of my race in the Methodist church. (Laughter.) We do heartily accept the greeting of our dear brethren.

Immediately, as the reverend gentleman closed his remarks, the room echoed with "Turner, 'Tanner' Bishop Ward."

Bishop Ward rose amidst loud cheering. He said:

Allow me to say this: I know that my friend Dr. Turner will give you something just what you will like to hear, therefore I will take my seat.

Dr. Turner rose and said:

My dear brethren, I desire to say that I am possibly less gratified to discharge this duty that you have pressed upon me, for my mind is very much obscured in publication business, but I will make a few remarks

and allow Dr. Tanner to respond.

I possibly have never been called upon at such a disadvantage in my life. You have heard the greetings borne by the able representative who has just spoken words relating to Christianity and words of encouragement. As one of the members of the General conference, and an humble member, too, I simply stand to say that all you have said about us, of our manhood, and of our zeal, give prestige to our race, not only for the getting to heaven, but also to be men; among the living. (Hear, hear.) It has been truly said, sir, that we have heroes in our religious body. But, sir, we also have them in our temporal community. (Loud applause.) We are glad, sir, that the time has arrived when we can see shining lights in our own organization, coming from our own race. (Loud applause.) We have the greatest and most powerful organization in this country, outside of the Catholic church (but we don't recognize them because they don't recognize us). We are glad to meet you, sir, blood of our blood and race of our race, and a man of culture. I must ask Dr. Tanner to finish my speech.

D. B. T. Tanner rose and said: A great battle was to be fought—a battle of liberty and perfect equality of all men, be they red, white or "blue," as Bishop Campbell had it. (Laughter.) That is no small battle. This grand religion of ours is the only religion that nerves men to make such strenuous efforts to fight a battle that puts all men on an equality. (Loud applause.) These sentiments are not superficial, but sentiments that are deep and founded upon the principle of manhood. But there is not only the battle of religious equality to be fought, but the battle of social equality. Not one-tenth of the world understand what the Negro question is. Some think it is the abolition of slavery; but slavery has been abolished. Has the Negro question been abolished? I answer no; this

everlasting prejudice still remains.

The Negro question will not be settled, the enemy will not be conquered until we and our children be admitted into the school, church and parlor and everywhere with equal right. When that is done you will have the negro question settled.

The Dr., after making a few remarks further, closed his speech, and was loudly applauded.

Business of the day was resumed. Several changes relative to the appointment of committees were made, with warm discussion, several members desiring to carry their point.

"Nearer my God to thee" was sung to break off the monotony.

Recess of 15 minutes.

After recess it was necessary for the Business Manager's report to be made. P. W. Jefferson moved that the special order of the day be suspended. Motion seconded and carried.

This brought on warm discussion; by Rev. T. G. Stewart, and others.

Rev. E. Johnson, immediately rose and demanded through the Chair personal explanation of the personal remarks, and then personal apology. The house, seeming to demand this of Mr. Stewart, he said:

I propose to try not to offend any one. I do recollect the remarks of which he speaks. I have passed through a very important period of my life, and, therefore, know more about myself than any other person, which Brother Johnson does not know. But, for the sake of personal respect and for the dignity of this Conference, I will withdraw it in every respect in which it was made.

The following is the Committee on Book Concerns:

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called attention to the reconsideration of that portion of the minutes which related to the appointment of a Committee on Ways and Means.

Rev. S. H. Jefferson, (South Carolina) offered the following:

WHEREAS, Since our last General Conference Rev. A. J. Chambers was appointed by the Arkansas Conference as Traveling Agent for what was known as the "Allen Monument Fund," and, WHEREAS, this being a matter concerning the whole Church, be it

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair who shall receive from the Rev. A. J. Chambers whatever information he can give as to what may have been done and what is yet necessary to the completion of the same, and to ascertain who were the prime movers in this important project, how much money was collected and what has become of it, and what was the cost of the monument, and the place of its erection, and that said committee make a full report to this General Conference.

Resolution prevailed.

Rev. W. S. Gaines proposed a resolution in regard to the revision of the Discipline.

On suggestion of Dr. Tanner, the motion was made to read:

Resolved, That a committee of one from each Episcopal District and one at large shall be appointed, who shall take charge of such amendments and additions to the Discipline as have been received by the General Conference, duly considered and acted upon, and engross the same as they shall subsequently appear in the Discipline, reporting however such engrossment to Conference in the order of their reception.

Adopted as amended.

Rev. C. Schaffer called attention to the fact of the papers, etc., of the ministers not being delivered at the office by the carriers. He therefore suggested that a Committee on Post-Office be appointed, etc., etc.

Dr. Turner submitted his report as Business Manager of Publication Department.

Report referred to Committee on Publication.

On motion, a recess of ten minutes

preceding the special order of the day.

Motion prevailed.

Adjourned for religious exercises.

The Quadrennial Sermon.

Rt. Rev. T. M. D. Ward, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., delivered the quadrennial sermon. His subject was "The Shepherd and the Flock," his text was the twenty-eighth verse of the twentieth chapter of the Acts. He said:

From the beginning of time until now, whenever God contemplated any great change in the affairs of the world or the church, He has invariably raised up instrumentalities with which to prosecute the work He had planned out in his own mind. Abraham was to be the sire of a race who were to be the almoners of God's recorded will. This nation was to be in number as the stars that illumine the midnight skies and as the shining sand-grains upon the ocean's strand. Moses, who was an adept in the learning of the Egyptians, was commissioned to bear the message of liberty to the courts of the Pharaohs.

Prayer had smote the ear of Infinite Pity, and the arm that ruled the world reached down and grasped the manacled hand of captive Israel. The proud tyrant was warned of the approaching vengeance. In vain he defied the uplifted bolt of avenging heaven. He resisted and was crushed. The new-born nation, guided by the mystic fiery cloud-pillar, rolled back the glad pean. "The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name," and passed dry shod through the channels of the deep, and planted their feet, amid the strains of timbrel and harp, on freedom's distant shores.

When he announced the Decalogue, whose provisions were for the government of all nations in all after time, Moses was the agent; from the trembling summit of Sinai, amid the deafening roar of booming thunders, the blare of sounding trumpets, the quick, sharp shock of earthquakes and the lurid glare of lightnings, God simply uttered His protest against sin and announced the fearful punishment which should follow its commission. Above the column of smoke and fire and cloud was seen the cross making radiant the hill of Calvary.

When he would establish a permanent house of worship he elected David to collect the materials; which were valued at thirty millions. But he, being a man whose skirts were lurid with the gore of God's foes, was not permitted to build a temple, which, for beauty, durability and strength, has challenged the admiration of the ages. This magnificent structure was the emblem of that nobler and grander building, whose stones are the living members, of Him who is our risen, living head—that stone upon which this unbelieving and godless age is now breaking itself in pieces. The spiritual wall are still towering upward, and extending poleward their shining minarets catch the morn-beams of the burning dawn and flash back the golden glories of the western sunset.

HOW LABYRINTHINE AND MYSTERIOUS were the movements of the church in the earlier ages of the world? Prophets spoke, prayed, hoped and died. There came a time when there was no Urim and Thummim. The oracles of heaven were dumb. The nations were sighing for spiritual deliverance. Minerva could not satisfy the polished, the philosophic Greek. Who will feed our famishing soul? was the wail that escaped both Jewish and Gentile lips.

The predicted hour announcing redemption's morn had come. It was Christmas morning; the air was crisp and cold; the shivering shepherds were watching their flocks. A strange feeling seized them; the heavens looked softer than ever before. They were strangely exhilarated; they looked and saw, trailing across the sky, a celestial visitor. They were alarmed. The heavenly stranger bid them dismiss their fears. He wheeled his steed of light, and moved back with marked celerity toward the gates of pearl. Millions of angels led the chorus of Redemption's song, while earth re-echoed back the choral strain, "Glory to God on high, peace and good will to all men," white and black, rich and poor, illiterate and learned.

The light that streamed from Bethlehem's star chased back the cimmerician darkness that shrouded the pathway to the tomb. The Babe of Bethlehem became the world's Redeemer. Others before him had enunciated great principles and truths. The tendency of their sapient utterances was to purify society, perpetuate order, illuminate the mind,

bring in the reign of law, crush the iron hoof of the proud oppressor. But the soul's hunger-pains were still unsatisfied. Who will feed us? asked the hungry sheep. Those deep, stronger spiritual wants must be supplied.

Rome, flushed with conquest, her eagles and well-drilled battalions sweeping from sea to sea, panted for the rest which remains for the people of God. The adelpheic oracle could not answer the soul's question: How shall I find rest?

Minerva, Juno and Apollo were silent. Demosthenes, Socrates, Zero and Cicero could not feed the famishing heart.

The old thoughtful Greek heard weird voices in forest copse and on mountain cone; he saw wondrous shapes in flower, bird, cloud, star and sun.

But what is the great beyond who will illumine the voiceless valley of the dead? What light shall drive back the thick night of darkness that hovers over the gates of the tomb? Shall not the fires of friendship and love be rekindled in the great, the everlasting hereafter? Tell me ye oracles of heaven!

One has said that the City of God was built on the CONFLUENCE OF THREE CIVILIZATIONS. These separate states of men were represented by the Hebrew, the Greek and the Roman. From this triple-headed fountain were to emerge the waters of the River of Life.

The Hebrews were the chosen people of God. With them He deposited His Word. In all their wanderings they forgot not the God of Abraham. They cherished the memories of their prophets, priests and kings. When captives in the land of the Chaldeans they would not tighten the wires of their harps, because the Daughter of Zion was humbled and and crushed. We can not wipe out the memory of Salem's sacred towers. Our harps shall still hang on the drooping willows that throw their long shadows over Babel's troubled stream.

For ages this Hebrew stream rolled through the earth—often turbid and turbulent—still its sacred waters fertilized the arid valleys of this sin-smitten earth, healing, purging, cleansing the surrounding nations.

What wondrous memories cluster about that heaven-guided race!

The Decalogue was the corner-

stone of their civil as well as their ecclesiastical government.

The altar, the victim, the blood—all pointed to the great Victim, whose blood was to be an atonement for every race of every age and clime.

One of the great changes which opened a new era in the world's history was the overthrow of the Chaldean empire; and the Median and Persian army under the leadership of Cyrus, whom God had called, was the chief instrument in creating this marked epoch.

Babylon, with her massive walls, swinging gardens, brazen gates and stately towers—Babylon, the Hammer of the earth, was broken; but the power of Cyrus passed away.

Alexander the son of Philip of Macedon, leaped forth, like a lion from his covert shaking the glittering dewdrops of the morning from his bristling mane. His invincible warriors swept through the earth like a tempest of fire. For ages the Greek was the prince in the kingdom of letters, Athens became the birth place of philosophy, oratory, science, sculpture and poetry.

AFRICA CONTRIBUTED LARGELY toward increasing the literary grandeur of Greece. The Greek kindled his torch with the red fire that flamed and blazed on African altars. Mount Olympus almost became the rival of Mount Zion.

That was the golden age of letters. When has the world produced such men as molded and directed the Grecian mind.

When Paul entered Athens they were ready to listen to the new but glorious truths of salvation; they were familiar with all branches of learning; they were refined, generous and brave, but were not the children of God—not joint heirs with Christ. Their influence was civilizing, but not Christianizing; their form of civilization created a taste for learning, but their theology was divorced from their morality.

The Third Confluent—The Romans had become the world's masters. All other nations bowed to their sway—the two legs, part iron, part clay. They were both weak and strong. They were warriors and merchants. Their aim was universal conquest. Their republic, like ours, was first founded upon justice and human rights; but, like as we, increased in numbers, grew in wealth, they became rapacious and cruel. They had become demoralized by their slavery

and civil and foreign wars. Their buildings, baths, harbors, roads, bridges and sepulchers surpassed any other nation on the globe. The Greek language, expressing the highest forms of thought, became the ruling tongue of the age.

Most of the books of the New Testament were written in this tongue. It is to-day the grandest of all tongues. Through this medium the nations received the news of grace. Thus the Cross of Jesus followed the Eagles of the Caesars. The Romans were a powerful people. These signs of material greatness demonstrated their greatness and power as a nation; but these signs were also emblems of oppression, and cruelty, and wrong.

The most powerful nation on earth felt itself to be the most helpless nation—helpless because they could not draw strength from the Arm of Eternal Might. The Hebrews wanted a Messiah, the Greeks a Healer and the Romans a Consoler.

PAUL,

therefore, is raised up to bear the tidings to these Gentile nations. Though a Jew in the broadest acceptance of that term, he was the chief exponent and champion of the gospel to the Romans and Greeks—to the Gentile world. The power of God unto salvation, first to the Jew, then to the Greek, was the burden of his theme.

Called and chosen; he goes forth sowing the seed-grain of gospel truth in different parts of the earth. What a record of labor and of sufferings, of heroic endurance. Wherever he went, the rod, the scourge, the halter, the dungeon awaited him. Did he falter? Did he quail? Did he mark over his brow in big letters,

"I AM FOR SALE?"

No! He reproved rulers, denounced wicked and profligate kings; and despised the shame and glorified in Christ. Hissed, traduced, villified and persecuted, he held on his way, and dying, shonted back from out the mystic waters of Jordan, "Death, where is thy sting; grave, thy boasting victory?"

Paul was the representative of this new doctrine, the doctrine of the resurrection from the dead. Philosophic, thoughtful, earnest, with a broad mental grasp, he was a fit character to become the propagator of a truth the acceptance of which would lead millions home to God.

Familiar with the traditions of the church as well as the Scriptures and the Talmud, he had the ability to grapple with the enemies of the new gospel, and to preach Jesus risen from the dead. He had seen the glory that beamed from the face of the Incarnate Deity, and, cheered with his presence, he persevered to the end. The vessel halts for a few hours; word had been already sent that Paul was to halt at Miletus. The Bishop and Presbyters of Ephesus meet him, perhaps for the last time. How solemn the scene! How grand the hour! Here were men who were facing death because they embraced Christ.

They had read his epistle. The thoughts it contained had strengthened them for the moral conflict. Once more they gaze upon their great leader, small in stature, but tall enough to touch the heavens.

Listen to those words which are still ringing through the ages, thrilling the heart of the church. Having delivered his message, he dropped upon his knees and prayed until men wept, angels shouted and devils trembled.

SANITARY SUGGESTIONS.

So readily is the mind affected by the condition of the body that it is the duty of every one to see that his system is in good condition. Wrench and twist the body with torturing pains and the mind ceases, in a measure, to work. Many men break down at two-score by reason of self-abuse.

What a wonderful piece of mechanism is the human body; 240 bones, 400 muscles, the alimentary canal thirty-two feet long; the heart is about six inches in length, four inches in diameter, beats seventy times per minute, 4,200 per hour, 100,800 per day, 36,792,000 times per year, 2,575,440,000 in seventy years; at each beat two and a half ounces of blood are drawn out of it—175 ounces per minute, 656 per hour, seven and three-quarters tons per day. All the blood in the body passes through the heart in three minutes. This little organ, by its ceaseless industry, in the allotted span the Psalmist gave to man, lifts the enormous weight of 400,000,000 pounds.

The lungs will contain about one gallon of air at their usual degree of inflation. We breathe an average of 1,200 per hour, inhaling 600 gallons of air, or 14,400 gallons per day. The aggregate surface of the air-cells

of the lungs exceeds 20,000 square inches, an area nearly equal to a twelve-foot room. The weight of the brain is three pounds eight ounces; the nerves are all connected with it or the spinal marrow, and these nerves, together with their amplifications, exceed 100,000,000, outnumbering the greatest army ever marshaled.

The skin is composed of three layers, and varies from one-fourth to one-eighth of an inch in thickness. Its average in an adult is estimated to be 2,000 square inches. The atmospheric pressure being about fourteen pounds to the square inch, a person of medium size is subjected to a pressure of 40,000 pounds. Each square inch of skin contains 3,500 sweating tubes, each of which may be likened to a little drain tile a quarter of an inch long, making an aggregate length of the entire surface of the body of 201,160, or a tile ditch for draining nearly forty miles long. Keep the head cool, the feet warm and clean.

When the stomach is disordered.
EAT NOTHING BUT GRUEL
until you get well. We Americans are great gourmands. Toughen the throat by keeping it exposed.

Without health we shall be failures. Physical culture for a long time made the Greeks the ripest scholars and best warriors the world ever saw. Two hours' daily play with the buck and saw has saved many valuable lives.

The age demands an enlightened and sanctified pulpit. Religion, learning and wealth are the three great forces which must give power and prestige to the race.

These three great elements of power are destined to lift us out of the unstunned depths of ignorance and superstition and sin. The accumulated debris of the ages of oppression must, through these grand agencies, be forever removed.

Mental development and moral purity are our two first and greatest wants. We must plant the seed buds of thought. To do this we must subject ourselves to severe mental discipline. The march of thought is always slow.

God has opened to us a door of marvelous usefulness. Four millions of people look hopefully toward our organization. The different colored Methodisms of America point with exultant pride to our Wilberforce and Payne Institute and pay homage to our iron-throated orator, the *Christian Recorder*, whose voice penetrates to either pole.

"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance; the price of wisdom is eternal thought."

How vast the power of the human mind! The General Conference, with its vast brain power, should introduce a measure looking toward the founding of a conference seminary in every conference district. The work is not so formidable as some may suppose. Nearly all the conferences are having a supply of educated men. Place such men at all great centers of influence and let it be understood that they will be expected to build up our educational work if upon never so small a scale. Let the President of Wilberforce be paid from the Dollar Fund. Do not allow him to be embarrassed. Untie his hands and give him a full, free swing.

The mental condition of our people in the South is appalling, heart-rending. We must make provision for intellectual wants of our people in that section. Nearly every other denomination is leaving us in the rear.

BRAIN-POWER WILL BE SUPREME.
Encourage learning, and you will live; despise it, and you will die.

Can we comprehend the occult laws which govern the material without learning?

Nature may whisper sweet, entrancing melody; the stars may shimmer and glow until the midnight heavens are radiant with the light of celestial worlds; the spring-tide may annually stir the heart of nature with strange, mystic power; lads, blooms and quivering leaf may strike the eye and the ear; the deep-voiced thunderstorms may roll their reveille, summoning the armies of nature to battle; the lightning, God's shining battle-spear, may gleam in overwhelming grandeur as it cleaves the mountain oak and illumines the skies covered with thunder clouds; the hills and mountains flash back the glories of a thousand suns until laughing streams and swelling seas all shout, "Praise ye the Lord;" and yet the ignorant may not hear all these celestial nor see those divine visions. To feed the flock we must pray, study and meditate. Time does not permit to pass through the rich fields of scientific and practical learning.

We should take time to select such text books as will materially aid our young men in gaining a right conception of the power and priceless value of sanctified learning. Once create a taste, an earnest thirst for knowledge, unveil the wonders which lie hidden

in sidereal science and the occult mysteries of sea and shore; and when this unwritten volume is once unfolded to the budding intellect of our rising pulpit, a halo of moral beauty will glow around our young men which will command the respect of even those who prate about negro inferiority.

An enlightened ministry, whose talents and culture have been consecrated to God, will make an intelligent, large-hearted church. Like priest, like people. We should select books that contain within as small compass as possible the pith and marrow of the best authors upon such subjects which most interest and concern us. No man can learn everything, but what any other man has done we can do. Master whatever you take in hand. A knowledge of the classics, and especially of mathematics, will be great aids in the interpretation of the doctrines of the Gospel.

CLOSING EXHORTATION.

Ye who come from the different sections of our ocean-bound republic—a country made one by the blood of a million of men—a nation whose empire extends from sea to sea. Purified in the hot furnace of civil war, she is now rising into greatness, not through her vast possessions only, but by her respect for the rights of man. This nation, with her feet dipping in the waters of the Gulf, her head reclining on the granite peaks of Alaska—to such a country we reaffirm our unswerving allegiance. When she tramples upon our rights we will say "Strike but hear." Men who come from the sunny savannahs of the flower-spangled South and from the rolling, teeming prairies of the West, as well as from the sunset land where Mounts Shasta, Hood and Baker lift their white shafts to the clouds—to one and all we say, be loyal to God, true to yourselves, to your church, to your race; avoid the pedantry of learning; crush out the blue imps of ignorance, vaulting ambition, treachery, political trickery and hell-born caste, always placing true and tried men over the flock. Do all these things and more and we shall be a pole star to the Colored Methodisms of America. Africa, long shrouded in pagan night, shall catch silvery beams that stream from Bethlehem's star. Ethiopia, long despised, forgotten and forsaken, shall stretch forth her hands to the heavenly Shepherd, who to-day is

ranging the cold, barren mountains of Paganism, seeking the millions who have been torn by the wolves of superstition and idolatry.

He who has guarded and defended this flock for three score years and four is with us still. The Lion of the tribe of Judah guards the chosen fold.

May your deliberations be marked with wisdom, moderation and patience, so that the work we may do may draw down upon the assembly the approving smile of heaven. May the Holy Ghost dictate every official act. Thus imperfectly have we aimed to do our duty. We have tried to do our best. God demands no more. Many of us are brushing the dew of Jordan's shore. We will soon have crossed to dwellings of Jordan. Let us with girded loins, well-trimmed and well-filled lamps, be ready when the Bridegroom comes, and shout, "Death, where is thy sting? Grave, where is thy boast?" May he save us for His name's sake. Amen.

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REPORT.

To the Seventeenth General Conference
of the African Methodist Episcopal
Church, in Session at St. Louis, Mo.,
May, 1880.

In accordance with your behest, as
expressed in my election at the last
session of your grave body, held in
Atlanta, Ga., in the month of May,
1876, I proceeded to Philadelphia,
Pa., the seat of our Publication De-
partment, and assumed control of the
same. It may not be inappropriate to
state, that at the adjournment of said
General Conference, I returned to my
home in Savannah, adjusted my per-
sonal affairs with a view to leaving
for my new field of labor, and took
charge of our Publishing House June
26, 1876. Rev. W. H. Hunter, A. M.,
my predecessor, as per arrangement
between us, remained in charge till
my arrival.

A recital of my experiences on tak-
ing charge of our publishing inter-
ests would be too voluminous and
multifarious to engage your attention
with. Let it suffice to say, I had ma-
ny discouragements, none of which
disheartened me more than having no

credit, no money, and debts by the
thousands of dollars demanded,
and all my printers taking up their
hats and leaving the Department, be-
cause I could not pay them back sal-
aries, which I found to be due them,
and raise their wages immediately,
which condition of things made it ne-
cessary for me to walk the streets and
hunt up my printers, and beg them to
come back, which they did more in
sympathy for my tears than they did
from any desire to serve the wants of
the church. Nor was I able to pro-
cure a sheet of paper to print the
Christian Recorder upon, till I wrote
off an affidavit that I worth at least
six thousand dollars, and secured
Bishop Ward and Dr. B. T. Turner
to certify to it. Had I cherished the
least anticipation that such a condi-
tion of things would have met me, I
might have partially provided for
such a contingency, though at the
sacrifice of family sustenance. But
without reviewing my history, labors,
experiences and difficulties in the
Publication Department, permit me
to say, that I entered upon the respon-
sible duties of the work in one of the
most trying financial times known in
the history of our country, by reason
of the fearful money crisis which set
in about the year 1875, and contin-
ued to depress the country until the
year 1879. During that crisis,
eighteen publishing houses through-
out the country became insolvent and
many were sold out at public auction.
Besides, our own financial Secretary,
with all the bishops and every min-
ister in the church at his back, was
unable to meet the salaries of our gen-
eral officers at times for three or four
months.

But in the face of all these odds
against me, I succeeded, under God,
in keeping the paper in weekly circula-
tion, not missing a single issue du-

ring my term, being the first instance
in the history of any book steward or
business manager of our church. Got
the new hymn book in print with elec-
trotype plates, at a cost of twelve
hundred dollars for plates alone. Published a catechism of a hundred
pages, which has met with commend-
able sale, and gave the church such
other publications as we were able un-
der the embarrassed circumstances
surrounding us.

Many appeals were sent out through
the paper at different times, to which
many kind hearts favorably repond-
ed, while others did nothing but re-
ply in taunting letters, and charge
me with belittling the church by ex-
posing my financial troubles. In this
manner, however, I pushed on as best
I was able, till the circulation of the
Christian Recorder ran up from 1,309
copies per week, the number I found
in circulation, to over eight thousand
per week. For a few weeks I sent out
over ten thousand copies per week.
This great increase, too, was in spite
of the hard times and money pressure,
and the outlook was hopeful. But in
May, 1877, the Financial Board, or
an improvised portion of it, met
in Philadelphia, and in pursuance
of the order of the General Con-
ference, gave notes to the amount of
several thousand dollars to be paid
by the same. I was not apprised of
the amounts of these notes, nor the
time of their expiration, but was glad
to learn I had been relieved of the
pending debts, as I had been greatly
annoyed by them. This action gave
me great hope, and I went to work
with bright prospects, and everything
ran along smoothly, till in February,
1878, while I was attending the South
Carolina Conference, the sheriff, to
satisfy some of these notes, levied
upon the Department, and before I
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auction everything in the Publication
Department, and despite the efforts
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the church. Nor was I able to pro-
cure a sheet of paper to print the
Christian Recorder upon, till I wrote
off an affidavit that I worth at least
six thousand dollars, and secured
Bishop Ward and Dr. B. T. Tanner
to certify to it. Had I cherished the
least anticipation that such a condi-
tion of things would have met me, I
might have partially provided for
such a contingency, though at the
sacrifice of family sustenance. But
without reviewing my history, labors,
experiences and difficulties in the
Publication Department, permit me
to say, that I entered upon the respon-
sible duties of the work in one of the
most trying financial times known in
the history of our country, by reason
of the fearful money crisis which set
in about the year 1875, and contin-
ued to depress the country until the
year 1879. During that crisis,
eighteen publishing houses through-
out the country became insolvent and
many were sold out at public auction.
Besides, our own financial Secretary,
with all the bishops and every min-
ister in the church at his back, was
unable to meet the salaries of our gen-
eral officers at times for three or four
months. But in the face of all these odds
against me, I succeeded, under God,
in keeping the paper in weekly cir-
culation, not missing a single issue du-

ring my term, being the first instance
in the history of any book steward or
business manager of our church. Got
the new hymn book in print with elec-
trotype plates, at a cost of twelve
hundred dollars for plates alone.
Published a catechism of a hundred
pages, which has met with commend-
able sale, and gave the church such
other publications as we were able un-
der the embarrassed circumstances
surrounding us.

Many appeals were sent out through
the paper at different times, to which
many kind hearts favorably repond-
ed, while others did nothing but re-
ply in taunting letters, and charge
me with belittling the church by ex-
posing my financial troubles. In this
manner, however, I pushed on as best
I was able, till the circulation of the
Christian Recorder ran up from 1,309
copies per week, the number I found
in circulation, to over eight thousand
per week. For a few weeks I sent out
over ten thousand copies per week.
This great increase, too, was in spite
of the hard times and money pressure,
and the outlook was hopeful. But in
May, 1877, the Financial Board, or
an improvised portion of it, met in
Philadelphia, and in pursuance
of the order of the General Con-
ference, gave notes to the amount of
several thousand dollars to be paid
by the same. I was not apprised of
the amounts of these notes, nor the
time of their expiration, but was glad
to learn I had been relieved of the
pending debts, as I had been greatly
annoyed by them. This action gave
me great hope, and I went to work
with bright prospects, and everything
ran along smoothly, till in February,
1878, while I was attending the South
Carolina Conference, the sheriff, to
satisfy some of these notes, levied
upon the Department, and before I
had any information of it, sold at
auction everything in the Publication
Department, and despite the efforts
to keep the matter quiet, it got into

the newspapers, and destroyed all the credit I had built up. For, under God, I had been successful in establishing some character for truth and veracity, and thereby had become able to command such confidence as enabled me, in case of pressing necessity, to borrow from five hundred to a thousand dollars at a time. But when the rumor went out that the Department had been sold out by the sheriff, all the reputation I had built up immediately disappeared, and I could not for a time purchase a sheet of paper without the cash. At this juncture Mr. William Steward, my chief clerk, being pressed to the wall, in my absence, suspended the illustrious roll, (as I denominated the list of those who took papers weekly for their congregations), which gave a large number of ministers who had stood by the Department offense, and caused such a relaxation over the Connection in efforts to support the Department, that a daily anticipation of suspension stared me in the face.

I struggled on, however, as best I could, till some time in the following May, when the General Board met, and after they had given the Department the most searching examination it ever had and approved of my report by a unanimous vote, with the consent of the Executive Board, I procured the services of Rev. Theodore Gould as Deputy Manager, that I might go out and travel through the church, and gather thereby hundreds of dollars for the Department, which it was impossible to get through published appeals. Brother Gould ac-

cepted the position, and entered upon duty June 5th, 1878, a few days after which I left for an extensive tour, leaving Brother Gould in charge. Seeing the condition of things, no credit, and scarcely any money coming into the Department, he voluntarily ran his hand in his pocket, and put over a thousand dollars in the Department before I knew he even contemplated such a thing. This generous act so lubricated matters that the Department took a new start. And with such services as I could render in the field, we have gone on till the present. I have no language adequate to express my high appreciation of the services rendered by Elder Gould.

On taking charge of the Publishing House, I found that my eminent predecessor, owing to the money pressure, had had all the up-stairs rented out except the editor's room. I dis-

missed the renters, and turned the entire building into use, which I found necessary for the increased business of the Department, except the second-story front, which some kind-ladies very neatly fitted for the use of the Bishops, and is now reserved for their use, but it could be profitably used by the Department.

I next turned my attention to the wants of the Department, and have made the following additions and purchases:

Added 8 feet to the compositors' room.

Added 20 more gas jets.

Tinned the entire roof.

Put in 5 speaking trumpets.

Purchased 2 fine job presses.

Purchased 4 composing stands and cases.

Purchased 2 pairs of chases for the Recorder.

Purchased 1 fine show case for the store.

Purchased awning for the front of the building.

Purchased 1 mailing machine for addressing the Recorder.

Purchased 1 account desk.

Purchased 2 office desks.

Purchased 2 folding tables.

Purchased 4 coal stoves for the building.

Purchased 1 stand of shelves.

Also a new set of type with all appurtenances thereto, at a cost of nine hundred dollars, for printing of the Christian Recorder, job work, and mailing department.

I am glad to state that the new hymn-book has given general satisfaction to the church, which is evinced in the fact that it has passed through eight editions, making the number published amount to eighteen thousand eight hundred and fifty copies.

A demand upon the Department for our own Catechism was made so frequently, and our church having none, I published one of my writing, consisting of a hundred pages, which, too, has passed through several editions, and as a test of its recognition, it has reached up to the present writing, a circulation of twenty-three thousand copies.

Two thousand copies of the minutes of your last session were published at a cost of seven hundred dollars, but I was so long in getting the manuscript (over eighteen months) that they fell as dead matter upon our hands; we have not realized from their sale more than half the original

cost, though we reduced the price from 75 to 25 cts. Hundreds of copies were credited out to the ministers to get rid of them, others were

body to revise the Discipline and prepare the manuscript with the new laws created at your last session, has never met to discharge that work, so after waiting till Sept., 1878, Bishop Campbell, Dr. Tanner of the committee, and Elder Gould, without authority, except what was vested in Bishop Campbell as one of the chief pastors, and Dr. Tanner, by virtue of being a member of said committee, met and gave it such revision as their time would permit, since which time we have published five thousand copies only.

Rev. C. L. Bradwell, traveling agent, reported for duty some time after I took charge of the Department, and entered upon his work. The Financial Board, however, refused to pay him any salary, the reasons for which they may give. This decision changed the programme of affairs in his case, and expectations have never been realized, and much feeling pro and con has been the result. I forbear to make any expression, as he will make his own report if necessary.

The General Conference of 1876 ordered that ministers failing to take the Christian Recorder, and work for the same, should be dealt with by their Annual Conferences, as in other cases of neglect. Had this provision been carried out, the Department would have been much more successful, but in some of our Conferences scarcely one in seven of its members have taken the paper. We hope this provision will be enforced. The same provision required the Manager to put down the name of every minister, send him the paper, and let him pay for it at his next Conference. This I did for two years, but as they failed to pay to the amount of nearly five hundred dollars, and some talk was had in reference to deducting the same from my wages, I resumed the cash system again. I am satisfied the credit arrangement will not work in our church.

There ought to be a steam engine and press in the Department of sufficient size to print the Christian Recorder upon, and Hymn Books and Disciplines. But I have not been

able to make such a purchase, owing to financial embarrassments.

We are still compelled to have our books bound outside of the Department, for the reason that we have never been able to establish a bindery. Such an office in our Department, however, would be of great saving to our church.

There ought to be an addition built to the Department, which could be used as a compositors' room. Such an addition erected with a view to that end, would be a great saving of money to the Department in gas lights alone, and a protection to the health of the printers. My foreman died a few years since of diseases contracted in the present ill-arranged and uncomfortable room. Besides, it is far too small for proper use. Dr. Tanner had to give up his editorial room this last winter for the health of the printers.

We need quarters for accountant clerks, where there will be some privacy; the room they now occupy is far too small, and every one coming into the store is almost sure to go in there; and to attempt to prevent it is sure to give an insult, especially if the person is a minister. Scores of detentions if not neglects are due to the exposed condition of the clerks, and the disposition of people to loiter around them.

The store room is too small and inconvenient for the wants of our Department. We might make out with it, however, if the rear part now used as an office could be brought into requisition, and better adapted quarters provided for the accountant clerks.

I tried to get the Child's Recorder in circulation, and after closely estimating the cost, I discovered that if I could print 16,000 at each issue, I could cover expenses, and I called upon the church through the Christian Recorder, to subscribe for that number by pledges; but only 4,000 copies were called for, and I saw the project would be a loss to the Department, and as I had no money to lose, or invest at a venture, I deferred the matter in the hope you would make some provision for its publication, either in money or by right legislation. Both may be necessary.

The time has arrived when we should start a Quarterly Review, and a Ladies' Magazine. I am satisfied they could both be supported. A Quarterly Review, edited by some minister of massive brain and erudi-

tion, would need ready support, and give a literature to our church now greatly needed. But for a Ladies' Magazine to succeed will require some lady at its head. I suggest the cultured wife of some minister. Then the ministers' wives of the whole church will freely act as agents, and I believe they would sustain it far better than we do the Christian Recorder. With three or four hundred dollars to start with, and the sanction of the General Conference, such a magazine would live and prosper.

I have visited during my term of office several of the Conferences, viz.: Philadelphia, New Jersey, New York, New England, Pittsburg, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Alabama, Georgia, North Georgia, Columbia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Baltimore, and would have visited others had circumstances been favorable. I need scarcely say I presented the claims of the Department before each one of these conferences, and was not only listened to with strict attention, but treated with marked respect by all. I have also preached and lectured before hundreds of congregations, and tens of thousands of hearers, apparently to the gratification of those who did me the honor of listening.

How much good I did, however, is unknown to me; but I believe that through the blessing of God, if my administration has accomplished no other result, the entire church has been aroused to a concern for the Department that has never marked its previous career, and the next Manager will have the advantage of more notoriety for the Department, if nothing else accomplished shall be thought worthy of consideration, for the interest worked up by personal contact with the people will not die away soon. A number of ladies, through the influence of that distinguished educator and elevator of our race, Miss Fanny M. Jackson, who was the president, held a bazaar in the Masonic Hall, of Philadelphia, commencing November 19,

1879, with the purpose of aiding the Department, and realized by sales and donations six hundred and four dollars and five cents, net. Many of these ladies, too, were members of other churches, viz: Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, as well as Methodist, and some were even Roman Catholic, showing that a universal interest is felt by all denominations and religious creeds for the perpetuity of the Christian Recorder; not so much, of course, for its denominational views, as for the fact that a large and potential paper is regarded as indispensable to our success as a people.

I am pleased to state that I have been manfully sustained by Dr. B. T. Tanner, our editor, during my term of office, and whatever differences we have had, have been of opinion only, and not of malice; for a more perfect gentleman I have never been associated with, nor do I ever covet the association of a better.

I feel it my duty to say to the General Conference in the most emphatic terms, that it is a useless expenditure of time to pass laws to govern the Manager, and not at the same time protect him from the many advantages taken of him; for there will be no success, I care not who may go into office, till the Church realizes that this Department is a mighty factor of our Connection, and all necessary contingencies are provided for.

1. You should abolish the Publication Board, and let the Manager report annually to the Financial Board, and thus save a double traveling expense.

2. The Connection must raise or borrow at least fifteen thousand dollars for a working capital, otherwise no Manager can make such a character for the Department as will enable him to run it and make money for the church. It is madness to expect any mortal to succeed otherwise. But with fifteen thousand dollars to supply the Department with all necessary facilities, we could at once pay

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Financial Statement, Showing Receipts and

RECEIPTS.

	General Conference Recorder	Financial Board Appropriation	Special Indebtedness Fund	Advertising	Recorder Subscriptions	Recorder Sales
FIRST YEAR, 1876—1877.....	\$202 90	\$366 73		\$890 45	\$2,395 18	\$1,532 61
SECOND YEAR, 1877—1878.....				545 13	2,550 40	3,160 81
THIRD YEAR, 1878—1879.....		250 00	\$400 48	463 32	2,847 00	2,353 08
FOURTH YEAR, 1879—1880.....	6 00	1,000 00	46 25	\$31 00	2,344 18	2,021 46
TOTALS.....	\$208 90	\$1,616 73	\$446 73	\$2,229 92	\$9,936 76	\$8,967 96

EXPENDITURES.

	Cash Refunded	Fixtures	Old Claims	Press Work	Job Press	Mailing	Stock
FIRST YEAR, 1876—1877.....	\$29 30	\$132 65	\$70 00	\$612 15	\$397 94		\$536 72
SECOND YEAR, 1877—1878.....	146 71	60 15	71 89	688 89	46 07		625 54
THIRD YEAR, 1878—1879.....	251 20		401 50	770 45	109 95	\$546 06	649 17
FOURTH YEAR, 1879—1880.....		2 00	1,386 83	541 40	95 26	403 90	747 96
TOTALS.....	\$427 21	\$194 80	\$1,930 22	\$2,612 89	\$649 22	\$949 96	\$2,559 39

	Hymn Book and Discipline	Special Indebtedness Fund	Advertising	Notes Paid	Expenses	Totals
FIRST YEAR, 1876—1877.....	\$1,259 21		\$18 00		\$1,330 71	\$10,085 07
SECOND YEAR, 1877—1878.....	754 54			\$747 11	1,857 83	14,615 66
THIRD YEAR, 1878—1879.....	353 02	\$11 00			990 05	13,541 58
FOURTH YEAR, 1879—1880.....	599 97	15			780 82	11,881 68
TOTALS.....	\$2,966 74	\$11 15	\$18 00	\$747 11	\$4,959 41	\$50,123 99

Expenditures from Mar. 30, 1876 to Mar. 27, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

General Merchandise Sales	Hymn Book and Discipline	Loans	Donations	Bazaar	Rent	Postage	To Order	Job Press	Totals
\$ 945 62	\$2,753 32	\$ 363 33	\$315 34		\$127 00			\$275 84	\$10,168 32
2,388 68	3,071 26	2,372 22	535 87			\$21 49		172 06	14,617 94
1,599 36	2,985 32	2,150 24	331 84			1 10	\$53 25	294 60	13,638 59
1,030 42	2,561 86	1,323 34	95 17	\$661 92		23	68 80	218 28	11,708 91
\$5,964 08	\$11,371 76	\$6,218 13	\$1,278 22	\$661 92	\$127 00	\$22 82	\$122 05	\$960 78	\$50,133 76

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	Commissions	Recorder Paper	Building Association	Paid on Loans	Traveling Expenses of Board	Type, etc.	Bazaar	Interest	Binding	Repairing	Taxes and Water Rent
\$2,604 77	\$31 85	\$1,820 00	\$272 00	\$365 30		\$169 13		\$8 13	\$804 25	\$25 15	\$97 39
2,996 73	49 57	2,276 17	192 00	2,397 44		571 61		6 35	1,059 87	67 14	
3,523 90	27 51	2,479 81	324 00	1,487 41	58 00		\$1 50	142 54	1,110 56	102 68	101 27
3,350 97	10 65	1,604 45	305 10	695 28	48 90	93 04	56 37	205 76	746 24	53 50	153 13
\$12,476 37	\$119 58	\$7,680 85	\$1,093 10	\$4,945 43	\$106 90	\$833 78	\$57 87	\$362 78	3,720 92	\$248 47	\$351 79

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 30th, 1876	\$ 8 51
Receipts year ending March, 1877.....	10,168 32
" " " 1878.....	14,617 94
" " " 1879.....	13,638 59
" " " 1880.....	11,708 91

\$50,142 27

EXPENDITURES.

Expended during year ending March, 1877.....	\$10,085 07
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Expended during year ending March, 1880.....	11,881 68
	50,123 99
Balance.....	\$18 28

ASSETS	
Amounts due on subscription to the <i>Christian Recorder</i>	\$ 850 00
" " Recorder sales.....	960 00
" " hymn books and mdsc. sales.....	1,303 82
Value of stock and fixtures as per inventory.....	4,404 97
" property at 631 Pine Street.....	6,000 00
Balance due by advertisers.....	98 00
Cash balance.....	18 28
	\$13,685 07

LIABILITIES

OLD CLAIMS:

Grant, Faires & Rodgers.....	\$1,116 00
Lewis Seales.....	250 00
Estate of Henry Gordon, deceased.....	500 00
B. T. Tanner.....	70 50
Nesochague Manufacturing Co.....	60 30
W. H. Hunter.....	
	\$1,996 80

DEBTS CONTRACTED DURING THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION.

Grant, Faires & Rodgers, power press printing.....	\$ 297 62
J. G. Ditman & Co., hymn book and Recorder paper.....	1,785 95
Copes & Bellows, binders.....	229 26
Calbertson & Co., power press printing.....	286 43
American Tract Society Mdsc.....	123 43
T. Gould, balance of salary.....	\$ 200 00
" " loan.....	1,488 83
Decature Building Association.....	469 11
Employees.....	4,540 03
Excess of Assets over Liabilities.....	6,748 24
	\$13,685 07

Most respectfully submitted.

H. M. TURNER,

General Business Manager.

PHILADELPHIA, April 20th, 1880.

To the President and Members of the Board of Publication of the A. M. E. Church:

We, your Committee appointed to audit the report of the General Business Manager, submit the following:

Report.—We have carefully examined and compared the report, accounts and vouchers of the General Business Manager, and also the Building. We find the reports and accounts correct, and the building and stock clean and in good order.

Signed,

T. G. STEWARD,
F. J. PECK,
CORNELIUS ASBURY,
Auditing Committee.

the Manager and Editor their salaries, and in two or three years and in paying the salaries of the Bishops. I am glad, however, the General Board resolved at its recent session to ask for an appropriation of ten thousand dollars, but fifteen thousand dollars would make the Department at once remunerative.

3. All the Conference Book Stewards should be required to give in settlement of their purchases for books and merchandise received from the Department, negotiable paper or notes (such as the Manager must give in making purchases for the Department, when not compelled to pay cash) such notes payable in banks of their own cities or towns in which they could make their deposits, in thirty, sixty and ninety days, and each Conference held responsible for its acts or dealings with the Department.

4. Those sending C. O. D. orders, and refusing to take them out, as several have done, should be held responsible for all damages and expense incurred; and on refusing to pay the same when presented, should be considered guilty of fraud, and dealt with by their Annual Conference accordingly.

5. Any minister who shall report to his Annual Conference (with the money) two new cash subscribers for the year subsequent, should be allowed the Recorder for one dollar; and any one reporting four new cash subscribers should receive his paper free.

6. As there are many complaints made against the Manager, and as he in turn has many causes of complaint, each Annual conference should be instructed to create a committee, to whom all papers and accounts should be referred for their adjudication, as well as causes of complaint; and the said committee should adjust the same and report to their conference.

7. The General Conference should by legislation clothe the General Manager or agent with some legal rights so that when visiting Annual conferences he shall have the right to make his appeal in behalf of the Publication Department.

My experience is, that as a general rule the Financial Secretary, the Missionary Secretary, and the representative of every other interest of the church, can obtain a hearing in advance of the Manager or agent of the Publication Department, when there is no branch of the church that bears any equality in worth and importance to the Publication Department.

The circulation of the *Christian Recorder* has been greatly diminished within the last year, by reason of cutting off the names of non paying subscribers; we are therefore sending out fewer papers at present than we have for some time, but they are now generally paying subscribers. We have been compelled to abandon both the credit and the three months' rule.

Our circulation now is as follows: To itinerant ministers, 1,091; to local ministers, 249; to general subscribers, 1,720; to illustrations, toll and exchanges, 2,340. Making our total circulation 5,400.

This is by no means creditable to our great Connection, for we should be sending out at least 25,000 copies of the *Christian Recorder* per week. But the Manager has no power to compel the people to subscribe; and even those who take papers by the illustrious roll only pay three cents each, and some often fail to pay at all, while others, frequently report the non arrival of their rolls, and we must be the losers, which amounts to considerable during the year.

You will see by the tabulated report that we have done a business during the last quadrennial term, amounting to \$50,134 81, but the receipts and expenses have been pretty evenly balanced, owing to the want of our own printing apparatus, which had we been supplied with in full, the same work might have been done at a saving of eight or nine thousand dollars.

We have to pay for our own neglect and folly, as a church, by the law that regulates business.

It might be thought impertinent in me to recommend my successor, as the judgment of so grave a body as yours is far more competent to determine the relative merits of its members than mine. But as I desire to be released from the department, because of the perpetual annoyance and vexation of the position, and yet knowing that some one acquainted with the duties ought to remain in the office, I most respectfully beg to recommend Rev. Theodore Gould. He has been with me nearly two years, and understands the office work thoroughly, and is prompt in business, and I am sure would make you a good Manager.

Thanking you for the honor of calling me to the head of the Publication Department, also for the reception given to the new hymn-book which I had the honor of compiling, and the recognition given to the Turner-Catechism, and other labors I have tried to render the church, I now beg to call your attention to the tabulated statement of our receipts and disbursements for the quadrennial term ending March 27, 1880, all of which have most rigidly been examined by the Board of Publication at annual sessions, and unanimously confirmed as being correct.

(See Pages 32/33.)

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Goines, Joshua, N. E. Texas.
 Green, D. T., Georgia.
 Green, B., Tennessee.
 Gaines, W. C., Georgia.
 Gaines, W. J., North Georgia.
 Gonicky, A.,
 Graham, R., Texas.
 Green, Frank, West Texas.
 Grant, Abraham, West Texas.
 Goosley, S. C., Columbia.
 Gardiner, Prince, North Alabama.
 Green, Thos. E., Baltimore.
 Green, P. R., California.
 Garrett, S. B., South Carolina.
 Gidding, C. T.
 Hamilton, J. S., Georgia.
 Hamilton, J. C., N. E. Texas.
 Hunter, Wm. H., New England.
 Hunter, W. L., North Carolina.
 Hunter, Geo.,
 Harper, J. H., Louisiana.
 Haynes, J. E., South Carolina.
 Holmes, E. P., Georgia.
 Hendrick, A. H., Georgia.
 Hall, R. H., North Georgia.
 Harper, R.,
 Hancock, Broker, West Texas.
 Hurley, Robt. F., West Tennessee.
 Hubbard, P. A., Kansas.
 Hubbard, J. H.,
 Harri's, Chas. L., North Alabama.
 Handy, J. A., Baltimore.
 Harris, M., California.
 Harrison, W. H., North Georgia.
 Harris, R., Florida.
 Henry, Jeff., Texas.
 Hammitt, Emanuel, West Texas.
 Johnson, Robt. A., Ohio.
 Johnson, W. E., South Carolina.
 Johnson, Wm. D., Georgia.
 Johnson, Reuben, Arkansas.
 Johnson, H. A., Columbia.
 Jackson, Thos. H., D.D., Ohio.
 Jackson, A. F., West Texas.
 Jackson, J. W. H., Illinois.
 Jackson, E.,
 Jefferson, P. W., South Carolina.
 Jefferson, S. H.,
 Jenifer, John T., D.D., Arkansas.
 James, E. C., Illinois.
 Jacobs, C. S.,
 Johnson, J. H., Arkansas.
 Johnson, G. W., Arkansas.
 Jackson, Albert, North Mississippi.
 Knight, Henry A., Philadelphia.
 Knight, Austin, South Arkansas.
 Laws, Wm. J., New England.
 Lawson, N. W., North Mississippi.
 Lee, Benj. F., D.D., Ohio.
 Lewis, M., Indiana.
 Lewis, C., Illinois.
 Leak, R. H. W., North Carolina.
 Lowe, A. W., North Georgia.
 Leslie, L. J.,
 Lake, Wm., West Texas.
 Morgan, Joseph H., New York.
 Mitchem, N., Tennessee.

Madison, James, Missouri.
 McGhee, A. J., North Georgia.
 Miller, A. J.,
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 Morris, J. M., Pittsburgh.
 Mitchell, L. M., North Mississippi.
 Morton, W. D., Alabama.
 McSmith, J., Indiana.
 Moore, J. E. W., Virginia.
 McLeMore, S. B.,
 Noble, W. H., Georgia.
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 Owens, J. C., Missouri.
 Orman, Thos., South Arkansas.
 Porter, B. F., South Carolina.
 Porter, James, Georgia.
 Porter, C. W., Texas.
 Price, A. A., Alabama.
 Pettigrew, E. H., Arkansas.
 Phillips, W. A. J., Pittsburgh.
 Pickett, D., Columbia.
 Peck, F. J., M.D., Baltimore.
 Pierce, C. H., Florida.
 Randolph, J. W., West Texas.
 Ryles, Granville, Arkansas.
 Ross, O. P., Kentucky.
 Stewart, T. G., Philadelphia.
 Shaffer, O. T., New York.
 Stansberry, J. B., Ohio.
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 Shephard, A., West Tennessee.
 Straws, Stradford, Kentucky.
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 Schureman, W. D. W., Virginia.
 Sampson, W. W., East Florida.
 Stewart, W. C., East Florida.
 Scott, E. H., Mississippi.
 Stone, E. W., North Alabama.
 Sisson, Jas. F. A., Indian.
 Thompson, T. A. Pittsburgh.
 Thompson, J. S., Philadelphia.
 Thompson, Peter, New York.
 Turner, R. M., New Jersey.
 Turner, John, Missouri.
 Thomas, W. M., Columbia.
 Thomas, John F., New York.
 Thomas, C. O. H., A.M., Tennessee.
 Tolliver, Philip, Ohio.
 Tyler, James S., Ohio.
 Taylor, G. B. Louisiana.
 Tolbert, Wm., Tennessee.
 Thompson, H. H., Indiana.
 Thompson, E., Louisiana.
 Triplett, I. N., California.
 Thomas, Lawrence, East Florida.
 Taylor, G. E., Texas.
 Taylor, Bartley, Kentucky.
 Weatherspoon, G. W., Florida.
 Willis, G. B., North Carolina.

Wilson, H. H., Indiana.
 Wilson, Robt., Tennessee.
 Wilson, J. W., Kansas.
 Wilkinson, J. M., Missouri.
 Williams, B. H., South Carolina.
 Williams, G. W. H., Georgia.
 Williams, J. T., Illinois.
 Williams, W., Illinois.
 Williams, W. H., North Mississippi.
 Wood, J. A., North Georgia.
 Washington, G. W., West Tennessee.
 Walker, J. W. L., North Mississippi.
 Washington, J. W., North Alabama.
 Wayman, R. F., Baltimore.
 Wood, Jesse, Missouri.
 Wear, M. T., California.
 Welsh, I. H., Florida.
 Willite, Henry, Texas.
 Williams, A. H., Arkansas.
 Winstead, Sterling, South Arkansas.
 Wycht, Jacob, Alabama.
 Yeiser, J. G., New Jersey.
 Young, Hiram, Columbia.

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 kinson, H. D. Rush, E. C. Johnson.
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 J. F. Thomas, J. E. H. Jones, W. A. J. Phil-
 lips, James B. B. C. L. Harris, A. M.
 Green, James Porter.
 EDUCATION.
 W. F. Dickerson, R. H. Cain, E. F. Lee, J.
 H. Hubbard, J. E. J. Miller, W. D. Jackson,
 H. A. Kuhlert.
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 S. Jacobs, J. J. Sawyer, A. J. Chambers.
 J. F. S. Sherrin.
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 F. J. Chappin, J. G. Gray, G. H. Schaffert, John
 Turner, A. Grant, Edward B. Yan, D. W.
 D. Schurman.
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 G. Steward, M. B. Scatter, B. L. B. B. B.
 J. McSmith, C. T. Schaffert, W. G. Steward, E.
 W. W. Sampson, T. E. Green.
 TEMPORAL ECONOMY.
 W. H. Hunter, J. A. Handy, T. A. Thomp-
 son, P. A. Hubbard, W. G. Steward, E.
 H. H. Pettigrew, Nathan Mitchem.
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 J. G. Yeiser, A. T. Carr, J. W. B. B. B., J. W.
 Brown, R. A. Hall, J. W. Randolph, W.
 H. Brown.
 STATE CHURCH.
 B. T. Tanner, J. H. A. Johnson, T. M. Jack-
 son, H. M. Foley, W. S. Gaines, J. H.
 Harper, C. E. Carter.
 SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
 W. C. Banton, S. H. Jefferson, B. T. York, J.
 H. Handy, H. M. Foley, E. H. Handy,
 H. Jackson.
 ON FINANCE.
 J. S. Thompson, R. F. Wayman, S. Straws,
 H. M. Thompson, D. S. Bentley, J. A.
 Cary.
 CHURCH EXTENSION.
 C. C. Felts, W. E. Johnson, O. P. Ross, J. M.
 Wilkerson, H. M. Turner, C. O. H.
 Thomas, G. Rylee.

DAILY RECORDER.

SUPPLEMENT.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

This day being one of fasting and prayer, conference business was suspended to listen to a sermon from the senior Bishop, Rev. D. A. Payne, D. D., and prayer. Hymn sung.

"Jesus the same high over all."
 Prayer was offered by Rev. George Dardis (Va.), and the scriptures read by Rev. Dr. Wm. F. Dickerson (N. Y.).

Bishop Payne then preached an able sermon, report of which will be given to-morrow. Hymn sung.
 Rev. C. S. Jacobs, offered the following:

Whereas, We, the delegates and members of the General conference have listened with a deep feeling of interest to the able and instructive sermon of our venerable Bishop, Rev. D. A. Payne; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a conference will, during the rest of this conference, endeavor to keep the said thoughts of said sermon before us in all of our deliberations, and strive to profit thereby in our future life. Passed.

Rev. J. E. Haynes: That a committee of nine on Church Ritual be appointed by the chair. Passed.

Rev. S. H. Jefferson moved that we may more uniformly advance the business of the General conference and better ascertain the wants of the whole world.

Resolved, That the following become one of the rules of this body: That immediately after roll call and the disposition of all the unfinished business of the previous day, the conference shall be called by districts for the introduction of any bill or bills with resolutions and from their respective conferences.

Rev. R. F. Hurley offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That from 12 to 2 of each day be set apart for the consideration of such matters as may be presented. Lost.

Rev. R. F. Hurley moved for indefinite postponement. Lost.
 The original motion passed.

The Bishop appointed the following committee on Engrossment:

Revs. J. W. Stevenson, first district; Geo. Dardis, second; Phillip Tolliver,

third; John Wilkerson, fourth; E. Hammitt, fifth; W. J. Gaines, sixth. At large Rev. W. D. Johnson.

Adjourned by Doxology.
 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."
 Benediction by Bishop Campbell.

SIXTH DAY.

St. Louis, May 8.

Conference met, Bishop J. M. Brown, D. D., in the chair. Religious services conducted by Rev. B. L. Brooks, of Tennessee. Hymn sung, page 244.

How beautiful are their feet,
 Who stand on Zion's hill.
 Scripture lesson read: Isaiah 52d chapter.

Prayer by Rev. B. L. Brooks.

O, thou, in whose presence there is fullness of joy, and at whose right hand there are pleasures for evermore. We adore the riches of thy grace, our Heavenly Father, that we are favored again to meet here, and have not been marked by thy displeasure, but permitted to transact the business of our church. We pray thee to be with and aid us by thy Holy Spirit, that all we do may be approved by thee. Bless us to-day in all our administrations, and accompany the work laid out before us. Bless our presiding officers conduct us in such a manner that we may make and leave a favorable impression in this community, and thereby glorify thy great name. Bless, we pray thee, all those for whom we ought to pray. Bless every Episcopal district, and where thy gospel is not preached, in this land, may it be consecrated to thy cause. Bless our mother church in Africa, and let the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ find its way into the interior, and may the people of that land unite in sending thy gospel from pole to pole, and when we shall be called to exchange worlds, give us a place in heaven, for Christ's sake. Amen.

On motion, calling the roll was suspended. Minutes read and approved.
 Rev. W. F. Dickerson moved that the hour of 12 be set apart to receive Dr. Clark, the fraternal delegate from the M. E. Church, South. Carried.
 Rev. B. L. Brooks was excused, as he had to leave the city.

Bishop Wayman appointed the following committee on the Allen monument fund: S. H. Jefferson, J. H. A. Johnson, W. H. Hunter, G. H. Shaeffer, A. M. Green.

Whereas, The fathers of our church; Rev. R. H. W. Leak moved that the hour of 11 o'clock, sharp, be appointed for the report of the committee on delegates. Carried.

Dr. B. T. Tanner presented the following preamble and resolution: RESOLUTIONS ON THE TITLE "AFRICAN."

in the day of its organization, with an eye, we may well believe, to this day as well as to the day of their own dis-fellowship by the white churches of the land, solemnly agreed upon the title "African" as the one distinction of the organization they would call well-being.

And whereas, From the fact that among their first resolution was one proclaiming the perfect ecclesiastical equality of the children of God, of whatever color, as well as from the fact that among their first acts was one admitting to membership P. Tyler, a white man, we cannot believe that the selection of such a title was intended in any way to proscribe Christians of non-African origin, but simply to proclaim to the world the existence of one church at least where the men of this despised race could hope to enjoy the liberty that is in Christ under a vine and fig tree, where none could molest or make afraid.

And whereas, Believing as we do that in the selection of that title, as well as in all that was done to give shape and vigor to the new organization, they now honor Him who walks among the golden candlesticks. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General conference that without at all deciding upon the necessities and the proprieties of the future, the time has certainly not yet come to strike out the honored and honoring name that for almost three quarters of a century has been sailing at our mast head.

Rev. J. W. H. Jackson moved that this paper be taken up on Tuesday at

12 o'clock. Carried.

C. C. Felts offered the following:

Whereas, During the last quadrennial, several ministers in some of our conferences have been left without appointments by the Bishops; therefore,

Resolved, That the committee on Episcopacy be reminded to inquire as to whether any law has been violated in those matters.

Rev. C. C. Felts also offered the following:

Whereas, Our Discipline calls for regular quarterly reports from the trustees of our church, and giving them no voice in said court; therefore,

Resolved, That trustees be confirmed in their election and be considered members of said Quarterly conference.

Rev. T. G. Stewart offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a brief church catechism embodying the outlines of the Christian faith, and that it be made the duty of all the pastors to instruct the children of their charge in the catechism so provided.

Resolved, 2. That the Discipline be so amended on page 110, that immediately following No. 13, shall occur these words: 14. To instruct the children of his charge in the catechism.

Rev. J. G. Stewart also offered the following:

Page 75. To add the words, "Provided that any member who has neglected to attend class-meeting and to participate in the communion for the space of one year, may be considered as having withdrawn from the church, and may be so returned to the Quarterly conference."

Rev. J. Atwood offered the following:

Page 131, section IX, be so amended that any local preacher or exhorter that will not teach or take part in the labors of our Sabbath-schools or

otherwise, that their license shall be taken from them.

Rev. John F. Thomas offered the following:

Resolved, That answer 17, of question 3d, section 3d, page 111, be so amended as to read as follows:

To overlook the accounts of the trustees, steward, and all other church organization.

JNO. F. THOMAS.
C. T. CHAFFER.

Rev. T. H. Jackson offered the following:

Page 68, section 3. What direction shall be given for the establishment of uniformity in public worship among us on the Lord's Day?

Ans.—For morning service—Singing by choir or voluntary by organist. Hymn by the pastor and singing by choir and congregation.

Prayer, the pastor and congregation kneeling.

Notices, read by Reading Steward.

Singing by choir and congregation.

Reading of Scriptures, lead by the pastor, the congregation reading in concert.

Sermon.

Prayer—Lord's prayer, all kneeling.

Collection.

Doors open for reception of members.

Doxology and benediction.

Where afternoon services are held let the same order be observed as in the morning services.

For the evening services let there be singing by choir, or voluntary by the organist.

Hymn by pastor, singing by choir and congregation.

Prayer, pastor and people kneeling.

Notices.

Singing.

Sermon.

Prayer, all kneeling.

Collection.

Doors opened for reception of members.

Doxology and benediction.

At the services for administering

the Lord's supper the reading of notices shall be dispensed with. The sermon may be dispensed with at the option of the pastor. But in no case shall the reading of the scriptures be dispensed with.

Let the societies meet whenever it is practicable.

This order of worship shall be placed in the Hymn-book.

Rev. T. H. Jackson offered the following: (Page 73).

Ans. 1st.—Amend so as to read: Let none be received into full membership until recommended by a leader whom they have met at least 3 months on trial, etc. Strike out 6 months and insert 3.

Also the following:

To amend answer first to question sixth, page 74. For non attendance strike out "exclusion" and insert shall not be permitted to participate in the Lord's supper.

Also the following (page 86.)

As the lay delegates have no access to the people to collect their expenses to the General Conference,

Therefore it shall be the duty at each annual conference, at the session preceding the sitting of the General Conference, to make provision for the lay delegates' expenses. If the time intervening between the sitting of the General and annual conference be too short to collect the money, then the second annual conference preceding the General Conference, shall make the provision, &c. Also

DUTY OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

As the people where the annual conferences are held, open their doors and take the preachers in and feed for eight or ten days. And as most of the contingent money is raised by or from said church.

And, as many pastors do not bring any or very little contingent money, And as this is a great strain on said place,

And as the moneys raised ought to go to said church,

And as we know just how much contingent money is needed;

Each annual conference shall ap-

point a committee on contingent expenses whose duties shall be to apportion equally the amount of moneys raised for contingent expenses among the several stations, circuits and missions.

And any pastor failing to collect the amount apportioned to his work, shall be held responsible for said amount, and shall receive no apportionment until it is paid. Provided it can be shown that the failure to raise said amount was through no neglect of said pastor. Then he shall not be held responsible. Provide, further, that no moneys for contingent expenses shall be raised in the church where the annual conference is being held, only the amount appointed by the committee. Also

DUTY OF BISHOPS AND P. E.

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or where there are Presiding Elders, then the P. E. to examine the church records of each and every church they visit, to see if the records are properly kept. Also

Move to make the P. E. elective.

Also; Annual Conference, page 80, add these questions:

How many members have died?

How many baptized, & children?

How many baptized, & adults?

Page 93, Quarterly Conference, put Question 11 after Question 6; put Question 16 after Question 14.

The special order of the day arriving, the introduction of bills was suspended.

Rev. C. T. Shaffer, of New York, submitted the following as the Committee report on Delegates (see appendix).

Rev. S. H. Robinson moved that the report be received.

Adopted.

Rev. W. R. Carson, of the Texas conference, moved that Rev. J. G. Yieser have his seat as a delegate in the Conference.

The proposition caused discussion, during which the Secretary of the Committee stated that the reason he was not counted in was that he was

appointed instead of being elected as a substitute for Rev. J. N. Williams, who was sick.

Rev. J. E. Hayne moved as an amendment that it be understood that no such a case be tolerated in future.

Rev. E. R. Holmes moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Lost: Yeas 41; nays 72.

Pending the question Rev. Dr. W. F. Dickerson, on the order of the day, read the following communication (see communication).

Bishop Brown called upon Rev. W. D. Johnson to introduce Rev. J. O. A. Clark, D.D., LL.D.

The Doctor took the platform and addressed the Conference. (See report of speech.)

Rev. W. D. Johnson offered the following resolutions:

WESLEY MONUMENTAL CHURCH.

Whereas, Universal Methodism, including the Board of Bishops and several Conferences of the A. M. E. Church, South, in erecting at Savannah, Ga. the seat of his important labors, a memorial chapel to Rev. John Wesley, A. M., the common founder, And whereas, the various Methodist organizations have contributed through their foremost ministers, among them our own venerable senior Bishop, Rev. Daniel A. Payne, D.D., and Rev. B. F. Lee, President of Wilberforce University, And, whereas, we have just listened with great pleasure to the earnest remarks of the beloved brother, the Rev. J. O. A. Clark, D.D., LL.D., to whom this grand work was especially committed by the late General Conference of the M. E. Church, convened at Atlanta, Ga. and who is duly accredited to this General Conference now convened; therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the said Wesley Monumental Church, and memorial volumes dedicated to the memory of that eminent servant of God whose labors are embodied in Methodism, and have so powerfully contributed to the acknowledgment of the glory of God and the establishment of peace and good will among the nations of the earth.

Resolved, further, that the General Conference cordially embraces the invitation to a participation in common with other Methodism in the erection of said Wesley Monumental

Church, and we hereby express satisfaction with the honorable part offered us, viz.: "A memorial window to African Methodism," and we cheerfully recommend the contribution by our ministers and members of \$1,000 as a free will offering to the same.

S. H. ROBERTSON,
A. H. HENDRICKS,
H. M. TURNER,
A. BROWN,
R. H. CAIN,
R. HARPER,
W. D. JOHNSON.

The following Committee on Ex-

dus was appointed:

Philadelphia Conference, B. T. Tanner; Baltimore Conference, J. J. Herbert; New York Conference, Joseph H. Morgan; New England Conference, W. H. Hunter; New Jersey Conference, J. G. Yieser; Virginia Conference, John E. Cook; N. Carolina Conference, J. G. Fry; Columbia Conference, S. H. Jefferson; S. Carolina Conference, R. H. Cain; Alabama Conference, C. L. Harris; North Alabama Conference, M. E. Bryant; Mississippi Conference, M. Folley; North Mississippi Conference, A. H. H. Dickson; Florida Conference, J. H. Welsh; E. Florida, J. J. Sawyer; Louisiana Conference, G. Taylor; California Conference, I. N. Triplet; Missouri Conference, J. Cowers; Illinois Conference, J. H. Jackson; Indiana Conference, Morris Lewis; Kansas Conference, J. W. Braxton; Arkansas Conference, J. T. Jeffer; South Arkansas Conference, A. J. Chambers; Indian Conference, J. E. S. Session; Pittsburgh Conference, T. A. Thompson; Ohio Conference, R. A. Johnson; Ky. Conference, D. S. Bently; Tennessee Conference, C. O. H. Thomas; West Tennessee Conference, R. H. Harley; Georgia Conference, A. Brown; North Georgia, W. G. Gaines; Texas Conference, H. Willite; West Texas Conference, A. T. Jackson; North East Texas Conference, W. R. Carson.

The following committee to devise practical means in matter of Wesley Monumental Church:

First Episcopal District—C. T.

Shaffer, H. A. Knight.
 Second Episcopal District—S. H. Jefferson, Geo. Dardis.
 Third Episcopal District—Philip Toliver, O. P. Ross.
 Fourth Episcopal District—J. M. Townsend, Jesse Ross.
 Fifth Episcopal District—Cyrus Brown, Joshua Goines.
 Sixth Episcopal District—S. H. Robinson, M. E. Bryant.
 At large—W. H. Hunter.
 On motion, Conference adjourned.
 Doxology sung.
 Benediction by Bishop Brown.

RULES OF ORDER AND GOVERNMENT.

For the Government of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, held in Atlanta, Georgia, commencing May 1st, 1876.

1st. The Conference shall convene at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered.

2nd. The President shall take the chair at the precise hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the Holy Scriptures to be read, singing and prayer, and on the appearance of a quorum (one third) shall have the Journal of the preceding day read, which Journal shall be approved (with corrections if necessary) after which business shall proceed in the following order: 1. Reconsiderations if any. 2. Unfinished business. 3. Reports of Standing or Special Committees. 4. Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials, Appeals. But notice of all motions to reconsider the action of the previous day must be given while the Journal is being read, unless the said notice was announced on the day previous; otherwise the Chair shall disregard them. The President shall strictly require the order or orders of the day to be taken up and considered at the time appointed, unless otherwise directed by a two-thirds vote.

3d. The President shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the President and appellant shall only be heard.

4th. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered; but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time, unless on a special committee.

5th. All motions and resolutions

shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any three members request it.

6th. When a motion is made and seconded, or a report is read and presented by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion may be withdrawn by the mover, at any time before decision or amendment.

7th. No new motions shall be made or resolutions offered, until the one under consideration is disposed of, except a motion for adjournment laying on the table, previous question (none of which are debatable)—indefinite postponement—referring to a committee—offering a substitute—postponement to a certain time—an amendment—an amendment to an amendment or recommitting; (which are debatable).

8th. No member shall be interrupting while speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, or uses personalities or discourteous language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems the speaker out of order and any member may explain, if he thinks himself misrepresented, and should any one refuse to come to order when so called, he may be silenced for a day by the President, unless he makes to the chairman a satisfactory apology.

9th. When any member is about to speak, or debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Chair.

10th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes at the time, without special permission (unless to correct wilful misrepresentation); nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, though he may represent another by his consent.

11th. When any member rises and speak it shall be the duty of the speaker to announce the name of the Chair and his conference.

12th. No member shall absent himself from the Conference without permission from the Chair, unless he is sick, or otherwise unable to attend.

13th. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by special permission.

14th. Every member who shall be

within the bar at the time a question is put shall vote unless excused.

15th. All questions pertaining to Petitions, Resolutions, or Amendments to charge the Discipline, shall first be read before the conference and lie over a day before being altered, rescinded or repealed, if desired by one-third of the Conference, unless on the last day of its session.

16th. All resolutions offered to amend, enlarge or change the phraseology of the Book of Discipline shall be read three consecutive times before the Conference, if desired by any member, and referred to the appropriate committee if necessary.

17th. The previous question shall never be demanded upon any resolution before two members shall have been heard pro and con, if desired.

18th. A motion to lay an amendment upon the table removes the whole question from before the house for the present, and if not lifted from the table is equal to an indefinite postponement of the subject; but it does not destroy the right of the further consideration of the question at any future time.

19th. Privileged questions are as follows: 1. Motion to adjourn. 2. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference. 3. Motions relating to members individually. 4. Motion for the orders of the day.

20th. When a question of order is raised, all other business must be suspended until the point is settled. The President must decide the point without debate, subject to an appeal to the Conference. But nothing is a point of order that does not involve a supposed breach of the Rules or special Orders.

21st. Reasonable time shall be given for the minority to report, before final action shall be taken upon the report of the majority.

26th. There shall be two Marshals appointed and two Alternates, whose duty it shall be to protect the bar of the Conference from the encroachment of persons not entitled to seats therein, and to assist the President in maintaining order, whenever instructed to do so by the said presiding officer.

H. M. TURNER, Chairman,
 J. P. STANSBERRY, Secretary,
 MOSES DICKSON,
 J. H. A. JOHNSON,
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 WILLIAM F. DICKERSON,
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Seventh Day's Proceedings

MONDAY, MAY 10th, 1880.

General Conference met, Bishop A. W. Wayman in the Chair.

Rev. S. H. Robinson (Ga.) conducted the religious services.

Hymn sung—page 802:

"Lord, in the morning
 Thou shalt hear my voice ascending high."

Scripture lesson read—Psalm xix.

Prayer:

"All-wise and merciful, kind and indulgent Savior, before Thee and in whose presence angels and arch-angels, cherubims and seraphims, with their one hundred and forty-four thousand, are engaged in vailing their faces, casting their glittering harps at the feet of Jesus, crying, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of Hosts.' We thank Thee this morning that it is our privilege to sing of Thee, and we feel it our duty to bow before Thee and cry, 'Holy unto Thee. We thank Thee that we are living on this side of eternity. We thank Thee that we have been permitted to pass through the light of another Sabbath day. And we thank Thee that we have been spared to come together this morning to engage in another day's proceedings. We ask Thee to let the seed that was duly sown yesterday fall as good seed on good ground, and the fruits be seen by our actions and conversations throughout

our undertakings this day. Clothe our Bishops with robes of righteousness—give them that wisdom from on high and that mind which was in Christ Jesus; and though times and seasons may come, and storms may rise, we pray Thee in the majesty of Thy power to say, 'Peace be still.' Have mercy upon each delegate. Whisper to us just now, if any of us have fallen from grace. Grant that we may examine ourselves while we are on our knees, and grant that the prayer we offer may go up to heaven and an answer return now. Bless this General Conference—grant that it may be the best we have ever had, and that we may legislate wisely for the good of the Church. Be with us through subsequent life. Perhaps, before the meeting of another General Conference, many may be called from time to eternity. O Lord, prepare us for death, and finally bring us to heaven for Christ's sake. Amen."

Minutes read. Approved.

On motion of J. B. Stansbury, in view of the death of the daughter of Rev. John Turner, it was resolved that Conference adjourn at 12:30, that due preparations be made for the funeral.

The case of Rev. J. G. Yeiser was called up.

Rev. J. E. Hayne, of South Carolina, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Discipline requires that the Annual Conference should elect its delegates to the General Conference; and as the minutes of the New Jersey Conference show that in 1879 certain brethren were duly voted for and elected delegates to this present General Conference; and, whereas, even granting that the first alternate refused to attend this session, yet it became the right and the

duty of the alternate receiving the highest number of votes to be present, and so on to the end of the list of alternates; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while the General Conference allow Rev. J. G. Yeiser, who was appointed a delegate by Bishop Payne, to retain his seat, yet this course is not to be taken as our construction of the law, nor is this action ever to be cited as a precedent.

Rev. W. H. Hunter spoke against the action of such an Episcopal encroachment. We all know, said the speaker, how delegates come here, and while he was willing to accept the motion, he felt called upon to guard with wakeful vigilance the door.

Rev. F. J. Cooper said in brief that it was purely a question of law, and as the law decides how delegates shall be elected, there should be no question about it.

Rev. Paul Jefferson occupied the position taken by Brother Cooper, declaring that if the Bishop can appoint one member, he can appoint six.

Rev. Dr. Cain asked if Conference was in session at the time?

Many members endeavored to get the floor.

Rev. S. B. Carry offered an amendment to the substitute which was ruled out by the chair.

Rev. S. B. Robinson moved that the Hayne substitute be laid on the table.

Rev. W. E. Johnson moved the point of order that when an amendment was laid on the table, it carried the whole bill,

The Bishop overruled the point of

order. The previous question was called. Carried.

By a vote of 50 to 97 the motion seating brother Yieser was negatived.

Rev. A. M. Green rose to offer a motion:

Rev. Dr. Jackson called attention to the fact that in the call of Conference they stopped at Ohio.

Rev. C. H. Schaffer called attention to the fact that the report of the committee on Delegates was not yet finished.

Rev. W. E. Johnson stated that the case of Rev. Price, of Alabama, was before the General Conference. Rev. C. T. Schaffer from the Committee on Delegates made a statement on the case of Rev. Price of Alabama.

Bishop Campbell stated that Rev. Price desired to make no fight in his case, but desired to go on his way.

Rev. Price rose up and denied the statement.

On motion the report of committee on the case of Rev. Price was adopted.

Rev. Stanberry gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the vote in the case of J. G. Yieser.

Bishop Wayman announced the hour had arrived for the special order of the day, viz:

The report of Rev. C. L. Bradwell General Traveling Agent,

Revs. G. H. & C. T. Schaffer asked a leave of absence next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, request granted.

The Reading Clerk proceeded with the report of General Traveling Agent to-wit:

To the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church in Session

Assembled.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN:

As you are aware at the last meeting of the General Conference held at Atlanta, Ga.; in 1876, I was elected traveling agent of the publication department of the church, and have performed the duties imposed on me by said election, to the best of

my ability for the last four years as hereinafter stated.

From May 1876 to May 1877 I employed my time as required by the Conference within the true nature meaning of the Agency by visiting all the Churches and fields of labor of the Church within my power, and disseminating the books and papers published by the authority of the Church, and by securing and disseminating books and periodicals published by other denominations of Christians in accordance with our own usage, faith and order; and the true profits arising from the sale of books and periodicals, other than the books and periodicals published by our own denominations for the Conference year ending May 1877 was..... \$300.00

Cash received from Church and individuals within the time above specified as donations for traveling expenses 185.00

Amount brought forward and being entire amount for said year, is..... 485.00

To entire amount of Cash, profits received from the sale of books and periodicals sold and disseminated throughout the connection from May 1877 to May 1878 other than the books and periodicals published by our own denomination 460.00

To amount of Cash donations made by the church and individuals for traveling expenses..... 240.00

To entire amount of cash received as profits from the sale of books and periodicals sold and disseminated throughout the connection from May 1878 to May 1879 other than the books and periodicals published by our own denomination 302.00

To amount of cash donations made by church and individuals as traveling expenses for said year..... 262.00

Total am't carried forward \$2,134.00

To entire amount of cash received as profits from the sale of books and periodicals sold and disseminated throughout the connection from May 1879, to May 1880 other than the books and

periodicals published by our own denomination..... 850.00

To amount cash donations made by churches and individuals as traveling expenses for said year..... 303.00

Cash donation at Annual Conference 260.00

Cash received as above stated..... \$3,547.00

Traveling expenses from May 1876 to May 1880..... 2,173.00

Balance after expenses remaining on hand..... 1,374.00

RECAPITULATION.

Salary fixed by General Conference, \$1,500.00 per annum, amounting in four years to..... 6,000.00

From which deduct balance remaining on hand after paying traveling expenses 1,374.00

Balance of salary remaining unpaid..... \$4,626.00

Your petitioner applied to the General board for the compensation designated, which board declined to pay as indicated, and being powerless to relieve from the performance of duty your petitioner had no disposition left him to prosecute the duties assigned him, and in addition to said duties improves the means necessary to the end, and until the meeting of the General conference. Your petitioner could not feel justified in abandoning a field of labor so important to the interests of the church, and labored incessantly in getting together and disseminating all that character of books and periodicals tending to the enlightenment and instruction of the churches, and those having charge of them. All that part of your petitioner's labors concerning sale of books from the department of our own church as well as subscriptions for the *Christian Recorder* on that enumerated in the report, will be reported by the general manager, H. M. Turner. Your petitioner therefore prays that in view of the completion of the work assigned him, that the salary fixed by the General conference of 1876 may be allowed him.

And your petitioner will ever pay, etc.,

C. L. BRADWELL,
Traveling Agent.

Bro. C. W. Banton offered an additional report for Traveling agent. On motion of J. W. H. Jackson, of Illinois, reports of Traveling agent be received and referred to a special committee of Nine. Amendment offered by Rev. P. A. Hubbard, of Kansas, to "Publication committee," Vote on amendment of order, yeas 78, nays 47. Amendment and original motion adopted.

Rev. C. L. Bradwell arose to question of information as to which committee these reports were the property of? Ans. To the committee on Publication Department.

Rev. F. J. Cooper arose to a question of information concerning the subscriptions to the *Recorder* of the New England Conference.

Bishop Wayman introduced Rev. John B. Duncan, of M. E. Church South. Rev. C. L. Bradwell stated that he had lost a number of books and papers on the Mississippi river, &c.

Call of bills, resolutions, &c., by Conference according to seniority. Rev. J. B. Stansberry, of Ohio, offered the following resolution on sec. 8, page 130, art. 3d, Discipline:

"Any local preacher moving from one Annual Conference district to another, and he being a member of the Annual Conference from which he moves, the Presiding Bishop shall transfer his membership to the Conference in whose district he may reside." Received and referred to Committee on Revision.

Rev. P. Tolliver of Ohio offered the following resolution:

"Resolved that a committee of nine be appointed to revise the course of study laid down in the Discipline. Two of whom shall be from College of Bishops."

Referred.

Also the following:

"Whereas some congregations or some persons hold that no pastor after his pastoral year ceases, has any right to back pay due him. Therefore be it resolved that there be inserted, somewhere in our book of Discipline, that Pastors of charges shall be entitled to all agreed to be

paid him, and in case of refusal on the part of such charges, such Pastors or laborers, shall if necessary have recourse to legal measures, provided, however, said claimant has not rendered it impossible to raise such arrears by any action on his part. For the laborer is worthy of his hire."

Tabled.

Moved that the latter resolution lay on table, yeas 99, nays 45.

New England Conference, Rev. W. H. Hunter, page 81, section 1, Composition of General Conference.

"The General Conference shall be composed of all the general officers, one delegate for every thirty members of each Annual Conference, who shall be an Itinerant minister, who shall have traveled four consecutive years, in our connection immediately preceding the session of the General Conference to which he may be elected, such delegate to be elected by the Annual Conference, prior to the sitting of the General Conference, providing, nevertheless that no Annual Conference shall have less than three itinerant delegates. The two lay delegates from each Annual Conference who shall attend the General Conference, or the Alternates who shall attend shall be members of their several Annual Conferences, until their successors are elected."

Referred.

Dr. H. M. Turner called attention of the Conference to the rules on reference. Resolution goes to committee on Revision.

Resolution of W. H. Hunter, page 99, fixing of appointments, is as follows:

Page 91, Ans. Third: All the stewards, stewardesses, class-leaders, superintendent of the Sunday-school and the trustees of the church. Referred to committee on Revision.

By Rev. W. H. Hunter:

To affix in conjunction with the Associate Bishop and Presiding Elders of present, the appointment of all traveling preachers at the Annual Conferences, to appoint presidents, principals and teachers in our seminary and colleges which are, or may be, under our superintendence, when requested so to do by the Annual conference, where such schools, &c., may be located, provided, that no preacher remain on a circuit or station more than three years, except in

the judgment of the Bishops the interests of the connection demand such exception. Referred.

Composition of Quarterly conference, referred to committee on Revision.

Res. No. 20, from officary A. M. E. Church, Boston, Mass., by Rev. W. H. Hunter. On motion referred to committee on Appropriation.

Rev. T. H. Jackson moved that the order of the call of conference lay over and that the appeals be called up that they may be referred to committee on Episcopacy; carried.

On motion of W. J. Gains of Georgia, that we adjourn to meet at 7 p m,

On motion of brother Jackson of Illinois, motion lay on the table—yeas 90, nays 86

committees called.

On motion by P. A. Hubbard all appeals be read before the General conference and then be referred to committee on Episcopacy, carried.

Dr. H. M. Turner presented the appeal of Rev. Their of Kansas, referred.

Dr. R. H. Cain presented the appeal of Rev. A. Phocle, Virginia conference,

Dr. R. H. Cain presented his appeal concerning Secretary of P. H. and F. M. Society,

Bishop Shorter read the order of funeral services,

Adjourned; Doxology; Benediction by Bishop Campbell,

BISHOPS AND BRETHREN OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:—

I cannot express to you, Brethren, how strongly my heart was warmed when Brother Gaines, pastor of your church in my town, sang those words "Come in." I have wish you long since permitted Christ to "come in" to the church of God—the only church of God on earth that is united to Him by a true and living faith upon his only son. We are all one in Christ Jesus, and especially are we all one being members of the great Methodist family, owned under the great

John Wesley, the common founder. The credentials tell you, brethren, who I am, and the object of my visit to this General Conference.

You will see that I have a mission from the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to unite, if possible, all the Methodisms of the world in building a monument to Mr. Wesley in Savannah, Georgia, the only place in America where Wesley had a home and a parish; and as you will see I have been specially commissioned to you. Before appearing here I had a correspondence with some of your honored and distinguished Bishops, and I am happy to say, that from no body representing Methodism, have I received a warmer and heartier response. You know that nearly one hundred and fifty years ago Mr. Wesley came to this country as special missionary to the Indians, and labored in Savannah, Georgia. You know that he was driven away from that place by persecutions of every kind, so that he had to flee for his life, and after he left Georgia, he claimed the world as his parish, and it has been thought interesting and important that a monument to Mr. Wesley should be erected on that very spot whence he fled as an exile, by all the Methodists of the world, which form a very high proportion to the population of the world, being upwards of one hundred and six millions. I know of nothing more glorious than this. In 1875 this idea was conceived by the then pastor of Wesley Church in Savannah, A. M. Wing, when I was the presiding elder of the Southern District. The Conference of the South thought that this noble monument should be erected, and requested me to visit the North, and make an effort for the purpose.

I went North and visited the Conferences of the various churches, among which was the General Conference of the M. E. Church in Baltimore. The cause was highly appreciated, and I returned home with large donations for the great work. I also visited the General Conference in At-

lanta. I visited the conference of England, where I was unanimously received: the same is true with all Methodists of Canada and other places. While I was in England representing this good work, another idea occurred to me, and that was that I would build a monument to Mr. Wesley in the shape of a book, to be called "Wesley's Memorial Volume," and to be made up of contributions.

In that book there is also a letter by this venerable (turning to Bishop Payne), gentlemen, the Right Rev. Bishop Payne, D. D., recommending the work. The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America is represented by Bishop Holsey, whose subject is "Wesley and the Colored Race." The Wesleyans of Great Britain and Ireland are represented by Drs. Rigg, Pope, Punshon, Gerbay, Smith, Jobson, the Rev. Luke Tyreman, and Mr. G. J. Stevenson and others. The Methodist new connexion of Great Britain and Ireland are represented by Drs. Wm. Cook, and Thomas Austin Bullock. The United Free Church is represented by Rev. Joseph Kirsop. The Church of England is represented by Dean Stanley, Dr. O. T. Dobbin, first of Trinity College, Dublin, and Mr. T. B. Overtan, of the University of Oxford.

The Non-conformist churches are represented by Sir Charles Reed, M. P., and chairman of the London School Board.

The French methodists are represented by Rev. M. Lelievre, editor of the *L'Evangeliste* at Nimes; the Rev. Dr. De Pressence, of the Reformed Church at Paris, and author of the "Life of Christ." He also writes an article.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is represented by Drs. Abel Stevens, Wheeldon, Haven, Newman, Foss, and Revs. Williams, Isaac P. Cook. Bishop Simpson, of the same church, writes the preface.

The Methodist Church of Canada

is represented by Drs. Douglas and Potts; and Methodist Episcopal Church by Drs. Jacques and Webster. Dr. Alexander Clarke and Dr. A. A. Sipscom represent the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South is represented by Bishops Pierce, Wightman, McTearie, and Drs. Lovick, Pierce, Summers, Haygood and myself.

There will appear letters in the "Memorial Volume" from Mr. Spurgeon, Dr. Newman Hall, M. Lecky, Dr. Ellicot, L. B., of Gloucester and Bristol, and the Right Hon. William J. Gladstone, Prime Minister of Great Britain and Ireland (applause), and also from Drs. William Taylor, Philip Schaff, Bishop W. B. Stevens, and others of the United States.

You see, therefore, my brethren, all Christian bodies are represented in that great volume; and seeing, as you do, that you occupy no inferior place in that token of memory, I hope you will do the best you possibly can to aid in the cause.

Some conferences have contributed pecuniarily to the amount of one thousand dollars, and if you can do as well as they, I will be exceedingly glad.

After the doctor had closed his remarks the following resolution was read, but before there was time for its adoption one of the members of the General Conference remarked that they had better not be too hasty in adopting the resolution, as they must remember that they represent people of various circumstances, but hisses were numerous to put him down, when Dr. M. Turner moved that the resolution be adopted, and referred to a committee consisting of two from each conference for further action.

Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D., on Friday afternoon, May 7th, being the fifth day of the General Conference, and a day set apart for prayer and fasting, preached the following sermon:

MY BRETHREN: "Let this mind

be in you which is also in Christ Jesus," is the passage from which I would like to make a few plain remarks to you this afternoon. It is to be found in the second chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, and the fifth verse.

I remember some years ago, when studying this passage I was impressed with the deep mysteries involved in it. One may be led to ask—how can any one have the mind which was in Christ Jesus? We are told that Jesus is the son of God. Some of us glory at the character of a good man, and in his noble works; but God's character is the character in which we should glory; He was God as well as man; He was man as well as God; and if we read Isaiah in the prediction of that evangelical prophet concerning the characteristics of this man, we will find sublimity about his characteristics. Isaiah says that He was born of a virgin; that He should be called, wonderful, Counsellor, the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Father of Eternity. Who can attain to such a mind? Standing in time, He looks back to eternity which is past and which is to come. Who can have the mind of such a being? Yet when we read the context we will find it very easy to understand. The French version says, "have the same sentiments which Jesus Christ has had; and if you read the verse preceding, you will find the same sentiments expressed. Now the theme which I extract from this passage is, *Jesus model for all*, especially for the ministers of the Gospel. He is the model for all this church, for every member of His church without regard to condition, race, age, have to be modeled after the pattern of Christ. He is first of all. We are told that Queen Victoria is the first person of rank upon earth, then the Archbishop of Canterbury, then the Duke; &c. But these empty shows of greatness are nothing in the sight of God. As great as they may be, if they wish to be perfect before God, they must look to Christ and study him, and they must do so

steadfastly. And so must every man and woman in the church of God. There is no man so high who is excluded privilege of modeling his character after Jesus. A man even with the intellect of an archangel, that is acquainted with all the learning of schools; and knows all the sciences and arts; knows all the philosophy of the ages—even he has to learn that mind which was in Christ Jesus, or he is not a Christian man. You are the marks of the chapter, the first mark is humility; "He exhorteth them to unity, and in all humbleness of mind, by the example of Christ's humility and exaltation."

I wish you to notice the essential in any form of life which is so beautiful and still admits of a changeable form. St. Paul tells us, He is the rightness of His Father's glory and the express image of His person. Remember this my young brethren, that although Christ was equal with God, yet *He made Himself of no reputation*. He did not come to earth with aspirations towering in His bosom, for He was born of a woman. He was a man of like passions as we are. Let me explain the term, *like passions*: It signifies the invariable abuse of one's natural desires. The drink, for instance, is natural; but if we become enslaved by the use of drink, it exceeds all natural desires and becomes a passion.

He had desires in His heart, and Satan knew how to play upon those desires and tempted him for forty days, but he could do nothing to bring out the feelings of ambition. No natural appetites or affection could be brought out by the devil, so as to make Him sin against God. He was humble. He had not desires to like, such as D. D. and L. L. D.; no such thing found in Christ. His eyes were fastened upon the glory of God and the salvation of man. His heart was right with God, and His aim was to glorify Him. This humility that made him regardless of reputation; that is which made him throw off the

form of God and made him become man, does not indicate any selfish quality; and, I wish to say to you, brethren, that humility is not contrary or contradictory to self-knowledge.

Christ teaches us to *know yourself*. The man whose ambition is so elevated in this world's pleasures, and who is athirst after ambition, such as titles, etc., is a man that does not know himself. Oh! how I wish these young ministers can follow Christ; but you will not be able to follow Him and become like him before you first seek to know yourselves. Humble yourselves as he humbled himself. He emptied himself of self. The French text says, *annihilated himself*, that he may be filled with the knowledge of God. Again, mark another thing, that humility does not mean *civility*; it means nothing more than consciousness of the conscience of his on self. Humility therefore grows out of self-knowledge. Another mark which was in Christ was *obedience*. He was obedient even unto death—the death of the cross.

The venerable Bishop related three anecdotes relative to obedience, and then proceeded to say that God was obedient in all things, even to the cruel kings of Rome.

Authority in this world, and especially in the church, stands very good, as far as man can see it; but remember that the eyes of the Lord are in every place. Another thing I wish to observe, do not return like for like. That is very unlike Christ. They slapped him in his face, but he never returned it; they spat upon, but he never returned it, and if you want to be great men, let this be your aim. Titles will not make you great.

Besides the marks of obedience and humility which were in Christ, there is another mark to be considered, and that is the *love supreme which he had for God and man*; and this love is expressed in the foregoing part of the context: "He exhorteth them to unity, to a careful proceeding in the way of salvation, that they may be

as lights to the wicked world."

It was the supreme love that Christ had for God, that followed every other love of his manly heart. Remember then these two: the love for God first, and the subordinate love—the love for man. I think it was Dr. McCosh who says, there is nothing great on earth but man, and there is nothing great in man but mind.

In this whole passage we have from the very humblest mark of Christ's character to his exaltation with the Father. This is a lesson for us, my brethren, and humbly pray that all of us will try to get that mind which is in Christ Jesus."

After the Bishop had given a full illustration of humility by a few remarks of himself respecting his office as Bishop, he concluded with the following:

"My brethren, try to be humble, and in due time he will exalt you in his bosom in Heaven."

Funeral services of Susan V. Highwarden, daughter of Rev John Turner. Rt. Rev. Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D., officiating.

The funeral cortege reached St. Paul A. M. E. Church at 2:30 p. m., where a large concourse of sympathizing friends had gathered.

Bishop J. A. Shorter gave out the 629th Hymn, "Why do we mourn departing friends," which was solemnly rendered by the Preachers' Choir, led by Rev. John Stansbury, of Ohio Conference, Rev. J. W. Randolph, of Texas Conference presiding at the organ.

Bishop J. M. Brown, D. D., D. C. S. offered prayer.

Bishop J. P. Campbell, D. D., L. L. D., read Job, 14, 1-15 verses. The Preachers then sang "Asleep in Jesus! blessed deep."

Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D. read as his text the 21st verse 1st chap. Philipians, "For me live is Christ, to die is gain."

Remarks were made by Revs. M. Wilkerson, Mo. Conference, who also read a letter of condolence to

the family from Anna P. Parker, S. P. Anderson, of Eighth street Baptist Church, and Basil Brooks of West Tenn. Conference.

The beautiful and impressive ceremonies was then performed by St. Mary's Court No. 1.

The preacher's choir sang most beautifully and solemnly, "Sister thou wast mild and lovely," while the audience took a farewell look at the remains.

She has gone, no more to be seen until the redeemed of the Lord shall meet in the middle air, and blend their voices in one grand psalm of praise, as with upward flight they sweep through the gates of the New Jerusalem.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship.

Bishop Shorter, Revs. J. Turner, J. M. Wilkerson, H. Depugh, E. C. Johner.

PUBLICATION DEBT.

J. F. Thomas, J. E. Haynes, W. A. J. Phillips, Jesse Bass, C. L. Harris, A. M. Green, James Porter.

EDUCATION.

W. F. Dickerson, R. H. Cain, B. F. Lee, J. H. Hubbard, J. T. Jenifer, W. D. Johnson, H. A. Knight.

ROMANISM.

R. Fausett, I. N. Triplett, J. W. Asbury, C. S. Jacobs, J. J. Sawyer, A. J. Chambers, J. F. S. Sisson.

ON BOUNDARIES.

F. J. Cooper, J. G. Fry, G. H. Schaffer, John Turner, A. Grant, Edward Bryant, D. W. D. Schurman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

G. Steward, M. B. Sauter, B. L. Brooks, J. McSmith, C. T. Schaeffer, W. Carson, W. W. Sampson, T. E. Green.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY.

W. H. Hunter, J. A. Handy, T. A. Thompson, P. A. Hubbard, W. G. Steward, E. H. H. Pettigrew, Nathan M'chen.

ON MISSIONS.

J. G. Yeiser, A. T. Carr, J. W. Early, J. W. Buxton, R. A. Hall, J. W. Randolph, W. H. Brown.

STATE OF CHURCH.

B. T. Taber, J. H. A. Johnson, T. H. Jackson, H. M. Foley, W. S. Gains, J. H. Harper, C. E. Carter.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

W. C. Banton, S. H. Jefferson, B. Taylor, J. H. Handy, H. M. Foley, E. Hammett, H. Jackson.

ON FINANCE.

J. S. Thompson, R. F. Wayman, S. Straws, H. M. Thompson, D. S. Bently, J. A. Cary.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

C. C. Felts; W. E. Johnson, O. P. Ross, J. M. Wilkerson, H. M. Turner, C. O. H. Thomas, G. Ryles.

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Kentucky " " T. A. Thompson.
Pittsburg " " R. M. Turner.
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South Carolina " " A. T. Carr.
Georgia " " E. P. Holmes.
North Georgia " " R. H. Harper.
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Kentucky " " J. W. Asbury.
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New Jersey " " R. Fausett.
Illinois " " E. C. Joine.
Kansas " " J. W. Braxton.
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East Florida " " W. W. Sampson

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as lights to the wicked world."

It was the supreme love that Christ had for God, that followed every other love of his manly heart. Remember then these two: the love for God first, and the subordinate love—the love for man. I think it was Dr. McCosh who says, there is nothing great on earth but man, and there is nothing great in man but mind.

In this whole passage we have from the very humblest mark of Christ's character to his exaltation with the Father. This is a lesson for us, my brethren, and humbly pray that all of us will try to get that mind which is in Christ Jesus."

After the Bishop had given a full illustration of humility by a few remarks of himself respecting his office as Bishop, he concluded with the following:

"My brethren, try to be humble, and in due time he will exalt you in his bosom in Heaven."

Funeral services of Susan V. Highwarden, daughter of Rev. John Turner. Rt. Rev. Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D., officiating.

The funeral cortege reached St. Paul A. M. E. Church at 2:30 p. m., where a large concourse of sympathizing friends had gathered.

Bishop J. A. Shorter gave out the 629th Hymn, "Why do we mourn departing friends," which was solemnly rendered by the Preachers' Choir, led by Rev. John Stansbery, of Ohio Conference, Rev. J. W. Randolph, of Texas Conference presiding at the organ.

Bishop J. M. Brown, D. D., D. C. S. offered prayer:

Bishop J. P. Campbell, D. D., L. L. D., read Job, 14, 1—15 verses. The Preachers then sang "Asleep in Jesus! blessed deep."

Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D. read as his text the 21st verse 1st chap. Philippians, "For me live is Christ, to die is gain."

Remarks were made by Revs. M. Wilkerson, Mo. Conference, who also read a letter of condolence to

the family from Anna P. Parker, S. P. Anderson, of Eighth street Baptist Church, and Basil Brooks of West Tenn. Conference.

The beautiful and impressive ceremonies was then performed by St. Mary's Court No. 1.

The preacher's choir sang most beautifully and solemnly, "Sister thou wast mild and lovely," while the audience took a farewell look at the remains.

She has gone, no more to be seen until the redeemed of the Lord shall meet in the middle air, and blend their voices in one grand psalm of praise, as with upward flight they sweep through the gates of the New Jerusalem.

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RULES OF ORDER AND GOVERNMENT.

For the Government of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, held in Atlanta, Georgia, commencing May 1st, 1876.

1st. The Conference shall convene at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered.

2nd. The President shall take the chair at the precise hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the Holy Scriptures to be read, singing and prayer, and on the appearance of a quorum (one third) shall have the Journal of the preceding day read—which Journal shall be approved (with corrections if necessary); after which business shall proceed in the following order: 1. Reconsiderations if any. 2. Unfinished business. 3. Reports of Standing or Special Committees. 4. Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials, Appeals. But notice of all motions to reconsider the action of the previous day must be given while the Journal is being read, unless the said notice was announced on the day previous; otherwise, the Chair shall disregard them. The President shall strictly require the order or orders of the day to be taken up and considered at the time appointed, unless otherwise directed by a two-thirds vote.

3d. The President shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the President and appellant shall only be heard.

4th. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered; but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time, unless, on a special committee.

10th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes at the time, without special permission (unless to correct wilful misrepresentation); nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, though he may repress another by his consent.

11th. When any member rise and speak it shall be the duty of the speaker to announce the name of the Chair and his conference.

12th. No member shall absent himself from the Conference without permission from the Chair, unless he

is sick, or otherwise unable to attend.

13th. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by special permission.

15th. All questions pertaining to Petitions, Resolution, or Amendments to change the Discipline, shall first be read before the conference and lie over a day before being altered, rescinded or repealed, if desired by one-third of the Conference, unless on the last day of its session.

16th. All resolutions offered to amend, enlarge or change the phraseology of the Book of Discipline shall be read three consecutive times before the Conference, if desired by any member, and referred to the appropriate committee if necessary.

17th. The previous question shall never be demanded upon any resolution before two members shall have been heard *pro* and *con*, if desire.

18th. A motion to lay an amendment upon the table removes the whole question from before the house for the present, and if not lifted from the table is equal to an indefinite postponement of the subject; but it does not destroy the right of the further consideration of the question at any future time.

19th. Privileged questions are as follows: 1. Motion to adjourn. 2. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference. 3. Motions relating to members individually. 4. Motion for the orders of the day.

20th. When a question of order is raised, all other business must be suspended until the point is settled. The President must decide the point without debate, subject to an appeal in the Conference. But nothing is a point of order that does not involve a supposed breach of the Rules or special Orders.

21st. Reasonable time shall be given for the minority to report, before final action shall be taken upon the report of the majority.

26th. There shall be two Marshals appointed and two Alternates, whose duty it shall be to protect the bar of the Conference from the encroachment of persons not entitled to seats therein, and to assist the President in maintaining order, whenever instructed to do so by the said presiding officer.

H. M. TURNER, *Chairman*,
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Eighth Day's Proceedings

TUESDAY, MAY 11th, 1880.

Conference assembled at 9:30 A. M., Bishop A W Wayman presiding.

Religious services conducted by Rev T W Stringer, Mississippi Conference.

Psalms 102: "Hear my prayer, O Lord," etc., read.

Hymn 294:—"Blessed is the soul who hears and knows the gospel's joyful sound."

Prayer.

On motion of Rev J W Walker, minutes stand approved.

Rev T H Jackson, of Ohio Conference, moved the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of hearing the appeal of Dr. R. H. Cain (S. C.) Motion prevailed.

Bishop Wayman stated that as Dr. Cain's appeal was against the College of Bishops, it was necessary that some other than a Bishop must preside.

Rev T J Cooper nominated Rev W D W Schureman, of Virginia Conference to preside.

Rev A M Green, of Louisiana, made the point of order that this appeal must take the same course as any

other, pass into the hands of committee already designated, and said committee must pass upon it whether it is worthy to come before the General Conference.

Debate was entered into by Dr. Cain, A M Green and others.

Bishop Wayman ruled that nothing was in order but the reading of the appeal.

Dr. Cain read from General Conference minutes of 1876 concerning General Officers.

Rev A M Green made a point of order "that nothing was before us but the reading of the appeal."

Bishop Wayman ruled the point well taken.

Dr. Cain appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

On motion, the Chair be sustained: Yeas, 72; nays, 73.

The Chair was not sustained.

Dr. Cain proceeded with his point of order, that he claimed his right to make his report as Corresponding Secretary of H. and F. M. Society, and then presented his appeal.

Bishop Wayman ruled the point not well taken, and ordered the Reading Clerk to proceed with the appeal, which was read by the Secretary.

THE APPEAL.

R. H. Cain, Corresponding Secretary of the Parent, Home and Foreign Missionary Society for himself and the maintenance of the laws of the Discipline of the A. M. E. Church, and a proper execution of the same, presents to and before the Baltimore Annual Conference, now in session in the city Washington, D. C., May 3, 1879, presided over by Rev. J. M. Brown, D. D., one of the

Bishops of said church. He most respectfully sets forth to this said annual conference, that the Board of the Parent, Home and Foreign Missionary Society to which he was lawfully nominated corresponding secretary by the bench of Bishops in the General Conference held in Atlanta, Ga., in May, 1876, and the said General Conference did confirm, by election, the said nomination of R. H. Cain to be said secretary for four years; and that he did then and there, at the close of said General Conference, enter upon the discharge of the duties devolved upon him, and that he has not ceased to occupy and endeavor to discharge the duties of his office up to this day; that he has traveled in the States of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and District of Columbia, in all of which he has urged and pleaded for the cause of missions. He has sought to establish and urged the organization of missionary societies in all the churches and Sabbath schools throughout the connection. He has visited the following Conferences: Philadelphia, New York, New England, South Carolina, North Carolina and Baltimore; in all of which he has urged the claims and interest of the cause of missions. He has published in the CHRISTIAN RECORDER, the church organ, a circular and call for contributions to be sent to him as corresponding secretary. He has sent circulars printed to the pastors throughout the connection, said circulars containing the constitution and by-laws regulating the organization of missionary societies in the churches and Sunday Schools; and that at no time since his appointment has he ceased to operate and exercise the functions of his office. "The Board of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the A.

M. E. Church, met in annual session on Saturday on Saratoga street, Beth-el A. M. E. Church, Bishop Shorter, Ohio, presiding; Rev. J. M. Townsend secretary pro tem. The ministerial members present were Rev. J. H. A. Johnson, of the Baltimore Conference; Rev. Joseph P. Shreeves, of the New England conference; Rev. W. H. Brown, Pittsburgh conference; Rev. J. T. Jenifer, Arkansas conference; Rev. J. M. Townsend, of Indiana conference; the said members constituting the Board, and that they did, then and there, in the absence of the corresponding secretary, who constitutes a part of said Board by law, proceed by vote, without notice, without a charge of dereliction of duty on his part; without an allegation upon his part of any crime committed; without a knowledge of the causes that prevented the secretary from being present; without any inquiry being made of the cause of his absence from the Board; without a report from him of his transactions during the year, proceeded to annul the appointment of R. H. Cain to said office, in the following manner:

"As R. H. Cain, colored Member of Congress from Charleston, S. C., who was appointed Corresponding Secretary of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society at the last quadrennial conference, had failed to fulfill the duties of his office, his appointment was annulled and the subject was referred to the Board of Bishops to fill the vacancy."

And further, the Bishops, in accordance with such action taken by the Board, did proceed, without inquiry or knowledge obtained as to the rightfulness and legality of the powers in action of said Board according to our Discipline, to annul said appointment—proceeded the same as your appellant is informed to appoint Rev. J. M. Townsend, of Indiana conference, to fill said vacancy, and your complainant and appellant demurs from such judgment; action both by the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, and of the Bishops in their appointment and recognition of said action, and appeals from the same to the General Conference to be held May, 1880, in the city of Saint Louis, Mo., and he appears in this conference as a court of Record and of Reference, that his appeal may be certified to form the lower court to the General Conference—the Supreme Court—in which such appeal should be tried under the Discipline, and that he will then and

there proceed to prove the violation of the Discipline and the organic law of our church government by the subversion of the rights of the General Officer of the connection, of the rights of a minister of the Gospel, of the rights of a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Second, that in violation of the Discipline under the head of "The Trial of Members," and he alleges that no charges or specifications, or notice of charges or specifications or complaints against him as corresponding secretary or as a minister or member of said church—at no time or place has he received any notification whatever, and that there are no records of knowledge to him of any such action which will guarantee the action of the Board or warrant the Bishops in sanctioning such action. And he further alleges that by the virtue of his office, by the election of the General Conference, he is now, and must continue to be the corresponding secretary of said society, until the sitting of the next General Conference, and, that being a part of the Board of Managers by the constitution of the society and the nomination of the Bishops and election of the General Conference in 1876, it is not within the power of the Board, without due process of law under the Discipline for violation of the same by said officer, to annul or suspend his functions before the meeting of the General Conference, to which he is amenable to the high trust committed to his care. And your appellant comes now before this body asking that said appeal shall be recorded in the journals of your proceedings, and printed in your minutes, and that notice thereby be given to all parties concerned that he will, at the time and place named, appear with evidence and counsel to defend his rights and maintain the majesty and dignity of the law, and the rights of the humblest member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

Bishop Wayman asked if there was any demurrer against the appeal. None.

Rev. T. H. Jackson moved the appeal be tried before the General Conference.

Rev. W. H. Hunter arose to a question of information.

Rev. J. J. Herbert, of Baltimore,

said that at the General Conference at Cincinnati an appeal was tried before a committee, and their decision was brought before the conference for their approval.

Remarks were made by Rev. J. E. Hayne, of South Carolina, Rev. J. C. Embry, Financial Secretary and others.

The motion for trial before General Conference was called for and prevailed.

Rev. W. D. W. Schureman, of Virginia, was elected Chairman, and took the Chair.

Rev. J. H. A. Johnson, attorney for defense, asked that they be not interrupted in the procedure of the case.

The following counsel for Dr. Cain was announced: Revs. W. E. Johnson, South Carolina; C. O. H. Thomas, Tennessee; H. M. Turner, Georgia; J. E. Hayne, South Carolina; T. G. Steward, Philadelphia. Counsel for College of Bishops: Revs. J. H. A. Johnson, Baltimore; A. M. Green, Louisiana; J. C. Embry, Kansas; J. A. Handy, Baltimore.

The Chair ruled that the General Conference set as jurors, and could not participate in the debate.

Rev. A. M. Green took an exception to the fact, that if the case is tried with any hope of reaching a judicial decision, it must be tried as an appeal, and therefore must have a special committee.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Cain opened the case in behalf of the plaintiff.

Rev. A. M. Green, of Louisiana, for Defense, took the floor, and presented the demurrer of the College of Bishops, and moved that the appeal be dismissed.

The following is

DEMURRER OF COLLEGE OF BISHOPS.

To the Members of the General Conference of the African M. E. Church, to Assemble in St. Louis, May 3d, 1880:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:

We, the undersigned, Bishops of the African M. E. Church, having

learned through the columns of the CHRISTIAN RECORDER, that Bro. R. H. Cain, D. D., intended to present to your body an appeal from our action in the appointment of Rev. J. M. Townsend to the position of Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the A. M. E. Church; we beg permission to present the following demurrer to the appeal, and ask the General Conference not to entertain it, for the following reasons:

1. The Discipline, page 158, recognizes the right of a traveling preacher, who may have been tried by an Annual Conference and "suspended" or "expelled," to an appeal to the ensuing General Conference. Bro. R. H. Cain has not been suspended or expelled.

2. The Discipline, on page 148, gives the right to any member to an Annual Conference to take an appeal from the "ruling" and "decision" of a Bishop in an Annual conference to the General conference. The appeal of Bro. R. N. Cain is not from the "ruling" or "decision" of any Bishop in an Annual conference, but from the appointment of the Bishops, in accordance to the action of a legally constituted Board, having full power, under the laws of the church, to act.

3. The appeal of the Rev. R. H. Cain was not presented to the "Bishops," but the "Baltimore Annual conference," of which he was not a member, from which will appear the fact that after Dr. Cain had published his appeal to the General conference, he returned to the S. C. Conference, and was elected a delegate from that conference to the present General conference, thereby acknowledging the validity of the Bishop's actions. All general officers being of necessity members of the General conference.

We, therefore, ask the General conference to sustain your demurrer and not entertain the appeal.

Dr. H. M. Turner then took the floor

in behalf of the plaintiff. He was followed by

Rev. J. C. Embry, counsel in behalf of defense.

Bro. W. E. Johnson of South Carolina then spoke in behalf of plaintiff.

A discussion arose, and was participated in by Bros. J. H. A. Johnson and C. O. H. Thomas, on the demurrer, and Revs. A. H. Green, W. E. Thomas and others of the counsel both pro. and con.

Bro. J. C. Embry moved to admit the demurrer and dismiss the appeal.

The Chair stated that all who entertained the demurrer stand on their feet until counted. Yeas 63, nays 91.

Bro. T. G. Steward, counsel for plaintiff took the floor and spoke in behalf of the appeal.

Bishop Brown asked if the Bishops were on trial, and if so, there are things that would come out that perhaps, would not be so very pleasant, &c.

Rev. W. R. Carson of Texas asked if this question is not touching the Bishops, why are they not presiding at this stage of procedure? This question called forth remarks from Revs. W. H. Hunter, J. H. A. Johnson, W. E. Johnson and others.

Rev. T. G. Steward then proceeded with his remarks.

Bro. J. H. A. Johnson in behalf of the defense, followed next.

Rev. H. M. Turner in behalf of plaintiff, took the floor. He spoke for some time, and yielded the floor to Bro. C. O. H. Thomas of Tennessee, counsel for plaintiff. The speaker's time was cut short by the expiration of the time of session.

Doxology and Benediction.

Adjourned.

Dust to Dust.

The funeral services of Mrs. S. V. Highwarden occurred at 2 p. m. Monday. The cortege arrived promptly at the hour named.

The order of procession in church was:

1. Bishops Payne and Campbell.
2. The Reader.

3. Bishop Ward.

4. Corpse and bearers.

6. Mourners.

6. Sisters of "Ladies' Court".

Hymn 949 announced by Bishop Shorter.

Bishop Brown offered the following prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. We thank thee, we bless thee, we magnify thy holy exalted name. We would ask thee to be with us at this hour—this sad hour. Make us all to feel that "thy will be done." Let it be done in the heart of these poor mourners. Let them see that the spirit has only fled from its house of clay, and is gone before. O God help the mother, father and daughter, each to feel and be satisfied that thou doest all things right. We thank thee that we have a testimony of this dear sister that for twenty-one years she sought thy face, and consecrated herself to thee, even amidst all troubles and difficulties of life; and we thank thee that she is now with thee. She will never return to us, but we bless and praise thy holy name, that we can go where she has gone. Bless the Society with which she was connected. Bless the mourners, and her friends, and grant that every one may consecrate himself to the idea that we will all meet again. Bless us all. We commit ourselves into thy hands; guide us through life, and save us at last through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

BISHOP CAMPELL

then read a portion of Scripture:

"A man that is born of a woman is of few days, and is full of trouble, etc., after which the choir sang, "Asleep

in Jesus—blessed sleep."

BISHOP PAYNE

said: At the request of our deceased sister, I will speak this afternoon from the 21st verse of the 1st chapter of the "Epistle of Paul to the Philippians": "For to live in Christ and to die is gain." It was her dying request that her funeral sermon be preached from this text, and we are here but to comply with her wishes.

"Two very important truths" are taught in this divine passage. The first truth is that "there is a significance in the Christian life," and that significance is to be found in Christ to whom the Christian life belongs; the other truth is, "that there is a significance in the Christian's death," and that death is a gain.

If to live as a christian one ought to live as Christ, who is Christ? We should find out who is Christ, and then we shall know why it is that the life of a christian is Christ. Christ is the God-man, the incarnate God, who left his Father's throne in heaven and came to earth to save fallen humanity. Christ is he that was appointed by the Father to pay for our redemption in the sacrifice of his own life upon the Cross. Now, he taught us when he was on this earth that the world is sometimes compared to a "field" in which laborers are wanted, and sometimes to a vineyard in which laborers are employed. In that field there are sowers who scatter the wheat there and there and everywhere, on every kind of soil. But whosoever sow, soweth for Christ, because the field is his. It is his property.

He sometimes compared the world to a vineyard in which a vast quantity of grapes are grown—yellow, black, white, purple, and every kind of grapes that may be cultivated.

Now, the men who work in this vineyard are called husbandmen. Their duties are to see that everything in the vineyard be kept in order, and to reap when the time comes. He also compares this world not only to a vineyard but to a great

garden in which there are vegetables farms that produce tendrils, lillies, roses, crocuses, and every variety of flowers. There are also in this vast garden a great variety of fruit-bearing trees, bearing apples, plums and every fruit-bearing tree that produce fruit for man. These also need to be cultivated; and, therefore, in this vast garden which needs so much cultivation, there needs a vast quantity of, cultivators. The cultivators must as it is expected, to return a full crop and give a satisfactory report of their husbandry. They must satisfy the owner that they have striven to advance the state of the field in which they labor.

Again, the world is also compared to a battle field, and the christian life is compared to a warfare, and Christ as the captain, and all who fight are his soldiers. In this field there are wicked men and women, who take part, and in colleague with them are invisible devils. They fill the air, and by vigilance and cunning they work together.

But the soldiers of Christ are sufficient to battle against them. You see, therefore, that the entire life of the Christian is to work for Christ. Such then, is the significance of the Christian's life. The significance of the Christian's death is gain. When the Christian dies, he may be likened to a man who has been laboring for many years with a single coat that has become that has become fit for nothing, and he throws it aside and puts on something better. He thinks that it is time for him to make a change from good to better. So is the Christian when he changes this life for the life to come. He simply changes his garment—he simply changes his existence. The death of the Christian may be termed as an insect leaving the chrysalis. It was confined there from the time of its conception, and knew nothing, as it were, of the beauties of nature which it would soon enjoy; but as soon as its confining envelope had yielded its hold, it bursts forth with joy in full

participation of a new life. Just so with the Christian. But the Christian's death is not death; it is only a transition from one state of existence to another; it is a throwing off of a natural body to a spiritual body. But who can tell what this spiritual is? The natural body is composed of flesh and blood, but the spiritual body is incorruptible; it is a body that will enjoy the kingdom provided for it from the foundation of the world. The corruptible body can feel pangs, ills, frailties and the like; but the incorruptible body can never feel nor endure any pain; it knows no suffering.

The death of the Christian is nothing more than a flight from earth to heaven. Is this not gain? To be taken from misery and placed into happiness; is that not gain? Certainly. The Christian life is a life of toil. It is mingled with trials and tribulations; it is bitter in this world but it is sweet by and by in the world to come, where we shall gain and inherit the fruits of our labors.

Rev. J. M. Wilkinson

then spoke as follows:

Saint Paul said a great many years ago that if in this life only we have hope, then we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen, said the apostle, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

Here is the ground of the christian's hope, and here rests the christian's faith, a strong faith grounded on victory more than 1800 years ago. We come upon this occasion to follow the remains of a once-loved sister to their final resting-place; and were it not for the cherishing words that came from His lips, how very dark would be the future before us.

We have to leave our friends, our children, our husbands, our wives and neighbors; but we hope to meet again. While I was sitting and listening to the remarks of our good Bishop, the thoughts that came across my mind were very serious. Many

times had the deceased taken an active part here, and we have met here to speak words of consolation with reference to her prospects. As I am required to be very brief, I will remark that my acquaintance with the deceased has been over 20 years, and she had been always very pleasant. During that time I have been her pastor.

I met her often times when she was filled with joy and pleasure, and I also met her when dark clouds hovered around her. I have heard the expression of her own lips to have been a christian, and those who knew her, say, in her they found a true friend. She was always kind in her disposition and pleasing in her words. All can bear testimony to that fact.

When I arrived in the city, a few days ago, I learned that she was very ill. I went to see her. On entering the room I found that she was very near the end. I asked her, how stands the ease with her now. Her reply was, "All is well with me now. My life has been mingled with sorrows; I have had many troubles, but I have always prayed that God would let me see one thing—to let my daughter grow up before I die, and He has heard my prayer. But I would have liked to have remained longer with my aged mother, but if it be the Lord's will to remove me, I am quite ready. With all of my troubles in this world, I never lost my hold. I had one object in view. Although I can not say that my life in every respect has been what it ought to be, yet I tried hard to resist the devil. 'If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father'—I took that passage for my guide."

I then quoted this passage to her: "To live in Christ and to die is gain." She said, "O yes, I remember that passage, and I want my funeral sermon to be preached from that very text." I prayed with her, and after I had finished, she seemed very much cheered; and as far as I am concerned I can positively declare that she

died a christian. Cheer up your hearts, she is gone on before you, you will soon overtake her; Christ will wipe away all tears from our eyes where the sun will no more go down and the moon will no more withdraw her light, and the days of our mourning shall be ended.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship.

Bishop Shorter, Revs. J. Turner, J. M. Wilkinson, H. DePugh, E. C. Joiner.

PUBLICATION DEBT.

J. F. Thomas, J. E. Haynes, W. A. J. Phillips, Jesse Bass, C. L. Harris, A. M. Green, James Porter.

EDUCATION.

W. F. Dickerson, R. H. Cain, B. F. Lee, J. H. Hubbard, J. T. Jenifer, W. D. Johnson, H. A. Knight.

ROMANISM.

R. Faust, I. N. Triplett, J. W. Asbury, C. S. Jacobs, J. J. Sawyer, A. J. Chambers, J. F. S. Sisson.

ON BOUNDARIES.

F. J. Cooper, J. G. Fry, G. H. Schaffer, John Turner, A. Grant, Edward Bryant, D. W. D. Schureman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

T. G. Steward, M. B. Saulters, B. L. Brooks, J. McSmith, C. T. Schaeffer, W. Carson, W. W. Sampson, T. E. Green.

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W. H. Hunter, J. A. Handy, T. A. Thompson, P. A. Hubbard, W. G. Steward, E. H. H. Pettigrew, Nathan Mitchem.

ON MISSIONS.

J. G. Yelser, A. T. Carr, J. W. Early, J. W. Braxton, R. A. Hall, J. W. Randolph, W. H. Brown.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

W. C. Banton, S. H. Jefferson, B. Taylor, J. H. Handy, H. M. Foley, E. Hammett, H. Jackson.

ON FINANCE.

J. S. Thompson, R. F. Wayman, S. Straws, H. M. Thompson, D. S. Bently, J. A. Cary.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

C. C. Felts, W. E. Johnson, O. P. Ross, J. M. Wilkerson, H. M. Turner, C. O. H. Thomas, G. Ryles.

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Religious Denominations in the United States.

DENOMINATIONS	MEMBERS.
Adventists	10,000
Anti-Mission Baptists	40,000
Baptists	2,133,044
Church of God, Winebrennarians	30,000
Congregationalists	350,658
Disciples, Campbellites	350,000
Episcopal, Protestant	312,718
Episcopal, Reformed	6,500
Free-will Baptists	74,851
Friends	100,000
Lutherans	694,426
Mennonites	20,000
Methodist Episcopal	1,696,837
Methodist Episcopal, South	795,099
Methodist Episcopal, African	214,808
Methodist Episcopal, Zion African	190,900
Methodist Episcopal, Colored	112,300
Methodist Evangelical Association	105,013
Methodist Free	10,682
Methodist Independent	12,550
Methodist Primitive	3,210
Methodist Protestant	113,405
Methodist Episcopal Union, American (colored)	2,550
Methodist, Wesleyan	25,000
Moravian	9,212
Presbyterian, Cumberland	100,000
Presbyterian, North	574,486
Presbyterian, Reformed	10,250
Presbyterian, South	114,578
Presbyterian, United	77,414
Reformed Churches in America (Dutch)	80,228
Reformed Churches in United States (German)	151,761
Roman Catholic	*6,000,000
Seventh-day Baptists	8,690
Six-principle Baptists	2,000
Tunkers	50,000
United Brethren	154,796

*Entire Roman Catholic population.

Statistical Summaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Episcopal Church.

JULY 1, 1879.

Number of Annual Conferences	96
Number of Itinerant Preachers	11,453
Number of Local Preachers	12,402
Total number of Preachers	23,855
Number of Lay Members	1,696,837
Total number of Preachers and Lay Members	1,708,290
Number of Church Edifices	18,721
Number of Parsonages	5,599
Value of Church Edifices	\$66,639,990
Value of Parsonages	\$8,603,283
Total Value of Churches and Parsonages	\$75,243,283
Number of Sunday-schools	19,925
Number of Sunday-school Teachers and Officers	214,698
Number of Sunday-school Scholars	1,543,386
Number of Infant Baptisms during the year	55,076
Number of Adult Baptisms during the year	64,531
Number of deaths of Itinerant Preachers during the year	104
Number of deaths of Lay Members during the year	19,596
Total Number of deaths of Ministers from the organization of the Church	3,254
Total number of deaths of Lay Members from the organization of the Church	634,967
Number of Presiding Elders	444
Number of Pastoral Charges left to be supplied	1,337
Number of Local Preachers stationed as Pastors	1,318

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 Bass, Jesse, Indiana.
 Bush, T. A., Missouri.
 Brown, Andrew, North Georgia.
 Brown, C. H., North Mississippi.
 Brown, W. H., Virginia.
 Brown, Edmond, South Arkansas.
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 Bryant, M. E., " "
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 Bentley, D. S., Kentucky.
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 Beard, Simeon, Columbia.
 Blakwell, S. P., N. E. Texas.
 Balliard, L. W., Baltimore.
 Beamer, W. R., South Carolina.
 Bowman, C. S., South Arkansas.
 Barrows, Dennis, Indiana.
 Brown, John W.
 Bradwell, Chas. L.
 Brooks, J. W., North Georgia.
 Brown, J. F., Alabama.
 Brooks, B. L., West Tennessee.
 Braxton, J. W., Kansas.
 Brown, C. B., Mississippi.
 Clough, John D., New York.
 Cravat, John A., New England.
 Cemebeck, Geo. H., New England.
 Carr, A. T., South Carolina.
 Cain, R. H., D.D., South Carolina.
 Cary, J. A., Georgia.

Caldwell, T. B., Kentucky.
 Cawell, C. J., Columbia.
 Carson, W. R., N. E. Texas.
 Cox, H. M., " "
 Carter, E. R., North Mississippi.
 Carter, Chas. E., Philadelphia.
 Cooper, Frisby J., New England.
 Crosby, David H., Ohio.
 Cook, J. E., Virginia.
 Carter, W. H., California.
 Chaple, T. M. C., Florida.
 Chambers, A. J., South Arkansas.
 Clowers, G. H., West Tennessee.
 Dickerson, Wm. F., D.D., New York.
 Dorrell, Deaton, New England.
 Douglass, Madison, Missouri.
 Drayton, S. W., Georgia.
 Dillard, Mansfield, Georgia.
 Dickson, G. E., Texas.
 Depugh, H., Illinois.
 Dardis, Geo., Columbia.
 Davis, T. V. B., N. E. Texas.
 Denham, T. C., East Florida.
 Dixon, R. M., South Arkansas.
 Dixon, A. H. H., Mississippi.
 Douglass, O. A., " "
 Early, J. W., Tennessee.
 Edward, H. D., Columbia.
 Embry, J. C., Kansas.
 E. H. H. Pettigrew, Arkansas.
 Felts, Cethe C., Philadelphia.
 Farley, A. J., Indiana.
 Fitzpatrick, J. N., Alabama.
 Fausett, Redman, New Jersey.
 Fry, J. G., North Carolina.
 Forrister, W. R., Virginia.
 Foley, H. M., Mississippi.
 Gardener, Lazarus, Louisiana.
 Green, A. M., " "
 Goines, B. B., North Carolina.
 Goines, Joshua, N. E. Texas.
 Green, D. T., Georgia.
 Green, B., Tennessee.
 Gaines, W. C., Georgia.
 Gaines, W. J., North Georgia.
 Gouichey, A. G., North Georgia.
 Graham, R., Texas.
 Green, Frank, West Texas.
 Grant, Abraham, West Texas.
 Goosley, S. C., Columbia.
 Gardiner, Prince, North Alabama.
 Green, Thos. E., Baltimore.
 Green, P. R., California.
 Garrett, S. B., South Carolina.
 Gidding, C. T.
 Hamilton, J. S., Georgia.
 Hamilton, J. C., N. E. Texas.
 Hunter, Wm. H., A.M. New England.
 Hunter, W. L., North Carolina.
 Hunter, Geo., " "
 Harper, J. H., Louisiana.
 Haynes, J. E., South Carolina.
 Holmes, E. P., Georgia.
 Hendrick, A. H., Georgia.
 Hall, R. A., North Georgia.
 Harper, R., " "

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 Lawson, N. W., North Mississippi.
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 Leslie, L. J., North Georgia.
 Lewis, M., Indiana.
 Lewis, C., Illinois.
 Lowe, A. W., North Georgia.
 Morgan, Joseph H., New York.
 Madison, James, Missouri.
 McGhee, A. J., North Georgia.
 Mitchem, N., Tennessee.
 Miller, A. J., North Georgia.
 Miller, A. J., Columbia.
 Morris, J. M., Pittsburgh.
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 Morton, W. D., Alabama.
 McSmith, J., Indiana.
 Moore, J. E. W., Virginia.
 McLeMore, S. B.
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 Offer, W. H., California.
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 Porter, C. W., Texas.
 Price, A. A., Alabama.
 Pettigrew, E. H., Arkansas.
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 Pickett, D., Columbia.
 F. J. Peck, M.D., Baltimore.
 Pierce, C. H., Florida.
 Randolph, J. W., West Texas.

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 Ross, O. P., Kentucky.
 Sawyer, J. J., East Florida.
 Stewart, T. G., Philadelphia.
 Shaffer, C. T., New York.
 Stansberry, J. B., Ohio.
 Stokes, C. F., Indiana.
 Sauls, Scipio, North Carolina.
 Saulters, M. B., South Carolina.
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 Shephard, James, West Texas.
 Shaffer, G. H., Tennessee.
 Shephard, A., West Tennessee.
 Straws, Stradford, Kentucky.
 Stevenson, J. W., New Jersey.
 Stringer, Dr. T. W., N. Mississippi.
 Smith, F. H., North Alabama.
 Schureman, W. D. W., Virginia.
 Sampson, W. W., East Florida.
 Stewart, W. C., East Florida.
 Scott, E. H., Mississippi.
 Stone, E. W., North Alabama.
 Sisson, Jas. F. A., Indian.
 Thompson, T. A. Pittsburgh.
 Thompson, J. S., Philadelphia.
 Thompson, Peter, New York.
 Turner, R. M., New Jersey.
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 Thomas, C. O. H., A. M., Tennessee.
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 Thompson, E., Louisiana.
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 Thomas, Lawrence, East Florida.
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 Wood, J. A., North Georgia.
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 Walker, J. W. L., North Mississippi.
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 Woods, Jesse S., Missouri.
 Weir, M. T., California.
 Welsh, I. H., Florida.
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 Yeiser, J. G., New Jersey.
 Young, Hiram, Columbia.

RULES OF ORDER AND GOVERNMENT.

For the Government of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, held in Atlanta, Georgia, commencing May 1st, 1876.

1st. The Conference shall convene at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered.

2nd. The President shall take the chair at the precise hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the Holy Scriptures to be read, singing and prayer, and on the appearance of a quorum (one third) shall have the Journal of the preceding day read—which Journal shall be approved (with corrections if necessary); after which business shall proceed in the following order: 1. Reconsiderations if any. 2. Unfinished business. 3. Reports of Standing or Special Committees. 4. Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials, Appeals. But notice of all motions to reconsider the action of the previous day must be given while the Journal is being read, unless the said notice was announced on the day previous; otherwise, the Chair shall disregard them. The President shall strictly require the order or orders of the day to be taken up and considered at the time appointed, unless otherwise directed by a two-thirds vote.

3d. The President shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the President and appellant shall only be heard.

4th. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered; but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time, unless on a special committee.

10th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes at the time, without special permission (unless to correct wilful misrepresentation); nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, though he may repress another by his consent.

11th. When any member rise and speak it shall be the duty of the speaker to announce the name of the Chair and his conference.

12th. No member shall absent himself from the Conference without permission from the Chair, unless he

is sick, or otherwise unable to attend.

13th. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by special permission.

15th. All questions pertaining to Petitions, Resolutions, or Amendments to charge the Discipline, shall first be read before the conference and lie over a day before being altered, re-seinded or repealed, if desired by one-third of the Conference, unless on the last day of its session.

16th. All resolutions offered to amend, enlarge or change the phraseology of the Book of Discipline shall be read three consecutive times before the Conference, if desired by any member; and referred to the appropriate committee if necessary.

17th. The previous question shall never be demanded upon any resolution before two members shall have been heard *pro* and *con*, if desired.

18th. A motion to lay an amendment upon the table removes the whole question from before the house for the present, and if not lifted from the table is equal to an indefinite postponement of the subject; but it does not destroy the right of the further consideration of the question at any future time.

19th. Privileged questions are as follows: 1. Motion to adjourn. 2. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference. 3. Motions relating to members individually. 4. Motion for the orders of the day.

20th. When a question of order is raised, all other business must be suspended until the point is settled the President must decide the point without debate, subject to an appeal in the Conference. But nothing is a point of order that does not involve a supposed breach of the Rules or special Orders.

21st. Reasonable time shall be given for the minority to report, before final action shall be taken upon the report of the majority.

26th. There shall be two Marshals appointed and two Alternates, whose duty it shall be to protect the bar of the Conference from the encroachment of persons not entitled to seats therein, and to assist the President in maintaining order, whenever instructed to do so by the said presiding officer.

H. M. TURNER, *Chairman*,
 J. P. STANSBERRY,
 MOSES DICKSON.

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Ninth Days Proceedings.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1880.

Conference assembled at 9:30 A. M., the usual hour. Bishop Campbell in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. Scipio Sauls of the N. Carolina Conference. He opened with hymn 976:

Jesus Lord, we look to thee,
 Let us in thy name agree:
 Show thyself the prince of peace,
 Bid our jars forever cease.

By thy reconciling love,
 Every stumbling-block remove,
 Each to each unite, endear;
 Come, and spread thy banner here.

Make us of one heart and mind,
 Courteous, pitiful, and kind;
 Lowly, meek, in thought and word,
 Altogether like our Lord.

Let us then with joy remove
 To the family above,
 On the wings of angels fly,
 Show how true believers die.

CXXV Psalm was then read, after which the Rev. gentleman offered the following prayer:

THE PRAYER.

Almighty God our heavenly father in whose presence there is fullness of joy and at whose righthand there is pleasure forever and forever. Hav-

ing this knowledge of thee this morning our father we would reverently ask thee through thy son Jesus Christ to accept of our morning devotion and give us a right to the tree of life. We feel Oh God, that thou hast a blessing for us, but we know that unless we ask it of thee in spirit and in truth believing we cannot receive it. We pray thee then for Jesus sake increase our faith, we pray thee to confirm our hope and perfect us in love, and help us to feel this day as we have never felt before. Oh help us to be nearer our God to thee than we have ever been before. May we act and do as men that have been to the school of our Lord Jesus Christ. And Oh Almighty lead on this army of thine. Take charge of our officers, bless our bishops, and graciously grant that all we may do or say to-day may all be in accordance with thy divine honor and glory; and when our warfare on earth is over, bring us to thyself in peace, and we'll praise thee throughout the countless ages of eternity, world without end. Amen.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Campbell gave out hymn:

Near my God to thee
 Nearer to thee, etc.

After singing, the Bishop asked the Reading Clerk to read the roll,

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas moved to ask a question of privilege. He announced that Rev. S. D. W. Smith fraternal delegate from the B. M. C. Conference was here and should be introduced to the conference.

Bishop Campbell said there is a committee for that purpose who will take charge of the brother and report of the General Conference.

Bishop Campbell. Clerk will

please read the roll.

Rev. Jackson of Ohio conference, moved that the roll be dispensed with.

Rev. Robertson of Georgia conference moved to amend, by calling the roll.

Rev. William H. Johnston rose to a point of order. He said a brother having objected to the dispensing of the roll, according to the discipline it must be called.

The roll was then called.

The secretary was then asked to read the minutes and did so.

Rev. J. H. Hubbard, of Missouri, said the lay delegate from Missouri had arrived after his alternate had been seated. He would like to know what disposition the conference would make of the case. The bishop referred the matter to the committee on delegations.

After reading the minutes, it was moved that the minutes be approved.

Rev. J. E. Hayne of S. Carolina, said, on the motion to approve, that so much of the Journal as pertained to the question of appeal was not the property of the General Conference, and that his name did appear as one of the counsel for the prosecution in the minutes, which in his judgment ought not to be.

A discussion arose concerning that portion of the minutes which contained a record of the appeal and demurrer.

Rev. R. F. Hurley arose to a question of information. He asked:

Has the Conference any authority

to review the minutes at this time?

The chair said no.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas said that on a motion to receive the demurrer, the secretary had failed to note that he would resume his argument after the reading of the journal this morning. After this correction the journal was approved.

Bishop Payne rose and said: I understood yesterday that notice was given of the intention to move a consideration of the action of the General Conference in the case of Rev. T. G. Yieser, delegate from the New Jersey conference. If that consideration be executed I shall have nothing to say, but if not, I now give notice that in the form of a written document, I shall enter my protest against the action of the General Conference, and let posterity decide who is right and who is wrong.

Bishop Campbell here yielded the chair to Rev. W. D. W. Shureman of the Virginia conference, and the appeal of Dr. Cain was resumed.

Dr. Turner said he was in favor of dispensing with this matter at once instead of prolonging the discussion. He would therefore move that in five minutes a vote be taken on the subject, carried.

Rev. Dr. Cain said in bringing this appeal before the General conference he has but one purpose, the vindication of himself. He was satisfied with the arguments made but he would simply say this. Yesterday "we admitted this discussion from a legal stand point." He was nevertheless attacked personally by members of this conference, but after 40 years of labor in the church for any man to attack his personal character, is more than he could submit to. He was ready at all times, and in all places to meet any man who would attack his personal character. Brother Johnson said that he was among the lowest politicians, among the garbage, etc. There were two hundred men besides himself in the work. He would then ask the chairman that the

discussion be closed with dignity and that other business of the conference be proceeded with.

Bishop Shorter said: I rise to make a statement and to ask the judgment of the General Conference, on the side of the appellant, with the appellant included and his six able counsellors; on the other side there are only four.

The appellant is allowed to speak, but the Bishops allowed to say nothing. Is it the judgment of the General Conference that the Bishops should say nothing? If any one of the Bishops is more guilty than the other, that one is I. I am chairman of the "Parent Home and Foreign Mission Society." Shall Rev. R. H. Cain be allowed to prompt his counsel and I not allowed the same privilege?

Rev. H. E. Johnson rose to a point of order which brought out a promiscuous discussion.

Order being resumed.

Bishop Shorter said:

No one knew his position in this matter better than Dr. Cain, and no one knew Dr. Cain's position better than himself. He therefore appealed to the brethren to say if he had ever ruled with an iron hand? He would respectfully ask that he allowed to speak at the proper time.

Rev. J. H. A. Johnson. If I am personal to the extent of making any attack upon the character of the appellant, if I did so I am here to apologize, but I took the ground that the position of the appellant as corresponding secretary—he was not in the position to take the attitude he has taken.

A question was here asked by a delegate.

Rev. W. A. Johnson, said no gentleman has any right to ask any questions but such as have a bearing on the subject.

Rev. J. H. A. Johnson proceeded. He said no one can charge him with making any attack upon the character of the appellant; what he did say was germane to the charge, but not

against the appellant's personal character. If he had copies of the Chicago papers he would prove beyond doubt that his remarks were correct.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas said, when he spoke on this side of the house he desired to do nothing less or more than his conscience would bear him out, but he has since seen that matters have assumed such a shape as led him to form conclusions which he cannot consistently express here. His mind is somewhat changed from what it was yesterday. He feels that the action of the General Conference does not meet his approval. It is from this standpoint: The actions of the brethren with regard to the remarks of the venerable Bishop was not in accordance with the dignity of the Conference; he believed that the venerable Bishop's remarks ought to have been received with that courtesy that his dignity demands; he noticed in the *Globe-Democrat* of this morning—He was here interrupted by Rev. C. H. Green, of Louisiana Conference. In reply to a question by the chairman, he said that he was reading the paper to refresh his memory. He proceeded: We are not here to question Dr. Cain's right to ask for a transfer from the Baltimore Conference to the S. Carolina Conference. It seems to him, therefore, that in justice to himself, to his God, and the Church, that Dr. R. H. Cain, by accepting an appointment in the S. C. Conference, and by that Annual Conference elected a delegate to this General Conference, did by that insubmission and action, confirm the action of the bench of Bishops in his removal and the appointment of R. J. M. Townsend as Secretary of the Parent, Home and Foreign Mission Society, and therefore he, as counsel for the prosecution, abandons the case. (Loud Applause.)

PARENT, HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

Rev. J. E. Haye said that the Brother who deserted this flock had

fled from truth and justice; he said by the admittance of the appeal by the Baltimore conference settles the fact that an unjust fraud had been done Dr. R. H. Cain, and by their votes brought it before this general conference. They knowing that this case must come before this body, the counsel on the other side cited disciplinary law to evade the questions and being a demurrer. If the Dr. had not have been elected a delegate to this general conference he would not have had an opportunity. Every step and every measure has been taken to keep this case out of the general conference. I do not say that the Bishops will take advantage of us, but I do say we must act, put the law down so that there will be no advantage taken, for we are all men and not infallible. The other side of the question has taken a number of phases this morning. Bishop Shorter pleads for an opportunity to plead his cause, and yesterday the Bishops claimed they had no case, &c.

Bishop Brown yesterday said in answer to the question, "Has Dr. Cain been tried?" "that's nothing," and that it was sanctioned by one of the counsel, on the other side—and judging from the counsel's record, and such actions of law he had been a "successful failure." Brethren, be not like my venerable colleague—a traitor to the law, but stand up for right," &c. (Applause.)

Rev. A. M. Green said he hoped we would not arrive at any conclusions by the way we had been going on. It was of material interest that we lay down some measure to arrive at a conclusion:

Rev. W. E. Johnson said we were willing to rest the case. Rev. Green said he was willing. Bishop Campbell said the Bishops are not; we do not want to be ignored; but Bishop Shorter had asked he be heard.

Rev. Green said: We had hoped in the onset that we would have proceeded in such a manner as to give even-handed justice to the appellant.

First, a large portion of the argument on the other side we will not reply to,

Rev. T. G. Stewart said that in the name of everything that is honorable he desires that this matter be brought to a close after Bishop Shorter is heard.

Bishop Brown said that inasmuch as the brethren on the side of the appellant have been allowed every privilege he would have the other side heard and accorded the fullest privilege.

Rev. J. H. Johnson rose to speak amid cries of "Bishop Shorter! Shorter."

Order being resumed Rev. Johnson said: Remember, brethren, before, when I attempted to speak at your pleasure I gave place to another, and now your actions on my speaking on this subject is certainly disrespectful to me.

Bishop Shorter said: Brethren, a'l I have to say I will say, but as I understand the case, brother Johnson simply wants to give you the answer of the Bishops. If you have no objection we would proceed. (A voice, "we certainly object"). It seems to me that you should hear him.

Dr. Turner. Mr. Chairman, I want to say this much. I want to say this—He was interrupted and took his seat.

Bishop Shorter. I have simply some statements or facts to submit to you. If you are willing to hear the statement and then take a vote on the question, I am willing to make it; if you are for taking the vote without my statement I am willing to submit.

A discussion here arose as to whether Bishop Shorter's statement would close the argument, or whether counsel on the side of the appellant would be heard finally. Amid a general confusion some one began to sing "Nearer my God to Thee. This brought order.

Rev. S. J. Cooper said that the

conference was here on an expense of \$200 a day. We therefore move that Bishop Shorter's statement close the discussion. A vote being taken on this it was carried by a vote of 120 yeas to 23 nays.

BISHOP SHORTER'S TESTIMONY.

Bishop Shorter then made the following address:

My Dear Brethren:—I certainly feel that this general conference, would give a complimentary vote, before this matter is past. I have never thought that I have the power of making speeches and therefore I would have to say to you in the beginning, as the Rev. I. Henry once read to a congregation, about ten verses from a passage of scripture for his text. He said, friends you need not get uneasy because I have taken a long text, I am an awkward fellow and want a good deal of room to turn round in, (laughter). That I do feel deeply interested in what is going on no one who knows me can doubt. For thirty years we have had a constitution to guide us in the "Home and Foreign Missionary Society," and it has only been for the past three years that we have been able to have a mission abroad, and to sustain it. I must say here however that Brother Rev. T. G. Stewart was appointed by the Bench of Bishops to go to Hayti. He went to Hayti and staid a few weeks, and returned home. Why he did not go back, I never knew, and never found out. I was in favor of his going back, and earnestly desired to have him return but could not learn why he would not go. Subsequently I was appointed chairman of the board of missions and by the help of the Brethren we appointed Charles W. Mossell and got him to the conference, and through the conference sent him to Hayti. We succeeded in getting him there however with six months pay in his pocket, and up to the present time through the good work of some of the brethren in our church, we have been able to retain him there. But we did not

do so without an effort. When the General conference appointed me or rather, as you all know at the last General conference Rev. Dr. Cain was appointed corresponding secretary of the Parent, Home and Foreign Mission Society with a salary attached to his position. But having been given an appointment in Congress; where I suppose he was paid more, he accepted to the neglect of his ecclesiastical duties. I am not here to condemn him however, I leave him in the hands of a merciful God and this General Conference. At the meeting of the Bishops he asked to be spared, promising to do better. In the course of two years brethren, Dr. Cain never returned *one cent* into the treasury.

Brother Mossell was in want of means and wrote for aid, we had not a farthing in the treasury to forward. I had to take money out of my pocket and forward it to brother Mossell trusting to the charitable benevolence of the people to have it replenished. (applause). I am not here to condemn the brother, I am only here to make known facts, from want of which this useless discussion has been prolonged.

Brethren, Dr. Cain told me that he was ready and willing to resign, and I believe that a man of such a sound common sense as Dr. Cain, had he not been prompted by others, he never would have allowed this thing to be brought before this General Conference. I have been determined, by God's grace, to uphold this Haytian mission until this Conference assembles, that people may know that there are a few who love the cause of Christ (cries of Amen, amen). Men have gone down South from Arkansas, Kansas and all parts, but no man has been down there who had better opportunity of seeing the people better than I have seen them. Now at the end of three years, after having given the brother (Dr. Cain) an opportunity, as he requested, when we met he had done no better than he did

during the past. I appeal to the General Conference to say that if he had been for three years to so unprofitable result, if we were not justified in doing what we have done.

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Eighth Day's Proceedings

TUESDAY, MAY 11th, 1880.

[CONCLUDED.]

Dr. Cain, in opening his case, said:

Mr. Chairman and Members of the General Conference: I appear before this body as an appellant. I appeal here because, in my judgment, there are certain regulations and laws that govern a trial of executive officers of this body. There are laws that govern a Church as well as a State, and I hope those laws will be strictly observed in the case of an appellant for his rights. The A. M. E. Church is a Church of law, and the Discipline marks out the manner of trial of every man in as clear and precise a manner as possible. I come here alleging that on the 28th day of May, 1876, I was, by virtue of our law, appointed and elected a Corresponding Secretary to the Board of Missions. I proceeded at once to the performance of my duties, as far as I understood them, and visited the places named in my appeal for the space of two years in the full exercise of the duties devolved upon me. I traveled through several places and presented in all these States, Pennsylvania, Virginia and everywhere, the claim of the Missionary Society as its Secretary. I organized Missionary Societies among the children; I issued circulars calling the option of persons to contribute two per cent. for Missionary purposes; I attended Conferences and presented my reports as a Corresponding Secretary. I urged the necessity of collecting twenty thousand dollars as a means to meet the demands of the Corresponding Secretary and the work under his jurisdiction, and I procured a seal which I deemed necessary for

the further performance of the duties of said office and the advancement of the great cause.

In April 1878, I met the President, Bishop Shorter, and asked him to call a meeting of the Board. He said he would do so. If you turn to page 321 of the Discipline, you will find that the duties of the Bishop have not been complied with.

Shortly after, I received a telegram sent me from Philadelphia, and strange indeed was that telegram to me, as it was only a few days ago I asked the Bishop to call a meeting of the Board. [Telegram read, which stated his immediate resignation would be accepted.]

I refused to comply with the telegram, as I knew of no reason why I should, and I sent a letter of refusal, and to that letter I received the following reply [letter read].

This comprises the sum total correspondence which I received from that body during the length of four years. But previous to my receiving my notice of resignation, I read in one of the newspapers what had been decided against me.

Now, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the General Conference, I appeal from that action on the following grounds:

1. That at no time and place has there ever been a charge brought against me.

2. That I have never been notified by that Board at any time of any charges against me.

3. That no specification of any kind has been alleged against me.

4. That I have not yet received an official notification that my office ceases.

Therefore I now claim still to be a member of that body as Corresponding Secretary.

DEMURRER.

After the document was read, Rev. A. M. Green said: "We therefore submit this upon its own merits under the law of our Church. I move further that the appeal be dismissed,

it not being brought here in accordance with the written law of the A. M. E. Church."

Dr. Green proceeded: As to what the appellant proposed to do in the generosity of his heart, we have nothing to do with it. Is his position logical and tenable? I say not. The law gives the right to the board to make her morals; it is a law given in the economy of the church. We have law on our side as a guarantee for this. Let me advert to a fact in this connection concerning the demurrer. All the course of the argument went to show that it was through the agency of a Baltimore paper; also, that an apology had been made for the removal of Dr. Cain. I could not secure a copy of the same, but did succeed in getting the date, etc. In 1877 a telegram was received dated at Philadelphia, which read (reading the telegram). Upon the reading of that telegram an impression was made—that was all. A letter was also read in reply to Dr. Cain's, etc. We want to remove the impression, that his communications were received after, instead of before removal. Other letters and telegrams could be produced that would prove that over and again requests were made for Dr. Cain to proceed to the discharge of his duties, until patience ceased to be a virtue. There was no necessity of him going to South Carolina to be elected. The Baltimore conference gave him an opportunity to appear here with his appeal.

We concede his ability, his lead in the fore front, a master spirit, a great organizer, but he was three years at the head of the missionary work, and did nothing. I would not pluck a star from his grand record. God forbid: but he did nothing for the "Macedonian cry."

Dr. Cain said: I came here to make my report, and you will not let me; I deny the assertion of having done nothing.

Bro. Green answered, and proceeded by quoting from Discipline, page 303.

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Bro. Green said, "I am establishing the economy of Methodism, and you acknowledge this as the law for the financial board, and cannot it be for the government of a mere pigmy like the missionary society."

Quote further from page 314. This is concerning the book concern, and which has a hearing upon the case, not only the board, but a sub-committee of the board has power to suspend the business manager, &c., to them for cause sufficient, &c.

The question at issue here is whether this act of the board is according to law, and we have shown that the board as its sub-committee can put an officer out and leave a vacancy to be filled until an investigation can be made or the action reversed. Read article 7, page 321, "a vacancy must be filled by the bishops, &c."

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I refer you to two cases in point from M. E. discipline to substantiate my position in relation to appellant.

If we have a law punishing a man for murder will it punish a man for felony? No sir. The counsel on the other side wants you to take the law of the financial board to govern the mission boards, which will not hold good. The discipline says that the missionary society shall live in the publication department at Philadelphia. Has not the business manager said that there was not room enough for even the composers much less missionary sect.

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Now, brethren, these are the facts. If we have done wrong as bishops, then kill us; but if we have done right, then sustain us. (Rounds of applause.)

After the conclusion of the remarks of the bishop, the chairman stated that the next thing in order, according to resolutions was the question, shall the appeal be sustained? The roll will be called; those for the sustaining of the appeal will say yes; those opposed, say no. Result of vote: Yeas, 149; nays, 32.

Elder Gaines offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The time is passing swiftly away, and this large body will soon have been for two weeks upon the hospitality of the good citizens of St. Louis; and

Whereas, There is much important legislation yet to be done for the good of the church,

Resolved, That we hold a night session from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Bro. C. L. Bradwell amended by saying two sessions a day.

Rev. Thomas, of New York, moved to lay the resolution on the table.

W. C. Gaines' resolution prevailed.

The following was next read:

To the Bishops and General Conference:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The committee appointed to arrange for the visit to the Merchants' Exchange, beg leave to submit the following report: We have entered into arrangements to make the visit on to morrow (Thursday) at 12 o'clock. The gentlemen of the Exchange

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JOHN TURNER,

J. M. WILKERSON,

J. N. FITZPATRICK.

Rev. Geo. W. Bryant, M. D., Columbia conference, was appointed to preach at Chambers street Baptist church at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion, conference adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m. Prevailed.

Benediction by Rev. Cornelius Asbury, Pittsburg conference.

Tribute of Respect.

REV. ANDERSON, EIGHTH ST.

My Dear Friends: The thought that has just touched my mind is "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea saith the spirit, for they shall rest from their labours."

As was well remarked by the Bishop, this world is a world of conflict, this life is a life of warfare, and the warriors sometimes have fears within and fears without. We have got the world, the flesh and the devil to fight. These many foes sometime make the Christians become tired, and require rest. But he cannot find rest in this world. Sometimes he cannot find it in his own family, or in his own church, or in his own social circle. But he must have rest. Where, then, is this place of rest?

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It has been my pleasure to know sister Susan for a number of years, and can bear witness of her integrity with Brother Wilkinson, and say that she was the most congenial person with whom I have been acquainted. A very few weeks ago, I met her around the bedside of a sick sister, singing and praying, and now God seems fit to take her, and as David said when he lost his child, she cannot return. But God's works shall follow. She worked hard for that only daughter who now mourns her and weeps; but my child she is gone where there are no pains and suffering. Jesus has wiped away all tears from all eyes. Brother Turner, let not your heart be troubled; she is separated from you, but very soon you will see her again, and enjoy with her, happiness and glory. May God bless the society to which she had been a member, and hope that you all will see your sister again.

The venerable Rev. then closed with a poetical farewell to the deceased.

Elder Brooks. My acquaintance with Sister Susan was formed 23 years ago, when she was nothing but a pleasant child, and I have always found her to be the same pleasant Susan. Some 20 years ago, when I was stationed across the river, I was sent for to join her in matrimony, but unfortunately, I never got the postal card. However, I went as soon as I could to see her. A few years after that I learned of her being converted in old St. Paul's chapel. I sent her my good wishes and gave her my prayers; and I am glad to see and hear that she kept on as closely as she did. I hope that by the grace of God we shall meet again in the kingdom of heaven.

The services were then closed with the repeating of the 133d psalm by the society.

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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference assembled at the usual hour, Bishop Campbell in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Rev. F. J. Smith, from the Alabama Conference. He read a portion of Romans VIII.

Hymn 652 was sung:

Talk with us, Lord, Thyself reveal
While here on earth we rove;
Speak to our hearts, and let us feel
The kindness of thy love.

With Thee conversing we forget
All time and toil and care;
Labor is rest, and pain is sweet
If Thou, my Lord, art here.

Here then, my God, vouchsafe to say
And bid my heart rejoice.
My bounding heart shall own thy sway
And echo to Thy voice.

Thou callest me to seek Thy face;
'Tis all I wish to seek.
I attend the whispers of Thy grace,
And hear Thee only speak.

Let this my every hour employ
Till I Thy glory see,
Enter into my Master's joy
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THE PRAYER.

Thou Lord of saving grace, who reigns in heaven above and on earth

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Dr. B. F. Porter, of Columbia Conference, moved that the reading of the roll be suspended. Carried.

The Secretary was asked to read the minutes.

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A communication was received from the Merchants' Exchange, and read by Secretary Arnett.

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Merchants' Exchange be stricken from the minutes. Carried.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the evening session.

It was moved by Rev. J. C. Owens that the minutes stand approved. Carried.

At this stage Bishop Shorter took the chair.

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In view of the very cordial and respectful invitation extended to the General Conference, to visit the merchants exchange, Therefore be it

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- 2nd. General officers, per rank.
- 3rd. Secretaries of Conference.
- 4th. Presiding Elders, per size.
- 5th. Chairman of Principle Committees, per size.
- 6th. Itinerant Elders, per size.
- 7th. Lay Delegates, per size.

Bishop Shorter said that he was approached by two or three persons who remarked that to the intelligent ears of intelligent persons who have visited this conference, that they were shocked by the actions of members of this conference who all profess to be intelligent men. He said he had been attending General Conferences since 1844, and whilst all admit that there is a greater amount of intelligence here, the action of some members is not at all in accordance with the dictates of common decorum. He would therefore request that henceforth the members endeavor to act with propriety.

A vote was then taken on Rev.

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"In the day of its organization, with an eye, we may well believe, to this day as well as to the day of their own dis-fellowship by the white churches of the land, solemnly agreed upon the title 'African' as the one distinction of the organization they would call well-being. And

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Dr. Turner said there is no need of suspending order of business, that

after the minutes have been adopted the rule provides that reports of committees are in order.

The conference having thus ordered the committee on Episcopacy to report, Secretary Handy then read the following

REPORT.

St. Louis, May, 13, 1880.

The committee on Episcopacy beg to submit the following:

I. We recommend the election of three more bishops.

II. We recommend that the election takes place next Tuesday, May, 18th, 1880.

III. That the bishops then elected shall reside one in S. Carolina, one in Mississippi and one in Texas. Your committee beg to state that this report is only progress.

Signed,

DEATON DORRELL, Chairman.

JAS. A. HANDY, Sec.

Rev. Mr. Carson of Texas moved to strike out Thursday and insert Saturday on the committee on resolutions.

Rev. W. D. Johnson said the report of the committee provides that these three bishops to be chosen should reside in certain localities. He should like to see that part of the report as regards locality be stricken out. The men ought to go in as free men, and be allowed to enjoy the same freedom which the present bishops enjoy. This intention of locating the new bishops is rather arbitrary. He, so far as the new bishops are concerned, was ignorant as to who they are but he should like to see them to enjoy all the privileges of the church.

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The prosperity of the south, edu-

cational spiritual and otherwise require that some of the bishops of the connection should reside in the south.

Bishop Payne—The people of the South not only desire it, but they demand it.

Rev. L. Gardner spoke in favor of electing the bishops without any restrictions as to location.

Rev. Mr. Porter wanted the new bishops in the South. They can be easily approached. He therefore moved to strike out South Carolina and insert Georgia.

Rev. Mr. Shaffer moved to amend by striking out Mississippi and insert Tennessee.

Rev. Mr. Porter offered a substitute for the whole, which was rejected.

Rev. Mr. Carson's motion to strike out Tuesday and insert Saturday of this week, was put and carried by a vote of 132 for, to 16 against.

Rev. Mr. Shaffer gave notice that he would move to reconsider this vote at some future time before the election takes place.

The Bishop then put the motion to receive and adopt the committee's report as submitted to the Conference. It was carried almost unanimously. This virtually disposed of the amendments to rescind the location of the new bishops.

The conferences [annual] were being called, when Bishop Campbell said that the members of the Exchange would prefer to have the members of the General Conference ten minutes earlier than ten minutes late. It is now ten minutes after eleven, and the Exchange building is some distance off.

A motion was then made that the Conference now take a recess, to enable them to visit the Merchants' Exchange. Carried.

The Conference here took a recess and, in conformity with the resolution of Rev. I. H. Welsh, of Florida, marched to the Exchange.

[There was an error in our issue of yesterday in regard to the vote on

the appeal of Rev. R. H. Cain. It should read 152 ayes to 51 nays.—Ed.]

After returning from the Merchant's Exchange Bishop Shorter took the chair. The conferences were called.

Rev. A. M. Green, of the Louisiana conference, offered the following resolution:

"In the section on Presiding Elder's, page 104, ninth line from the top, strike out 'in the district' and insert a comma after the word 'office,' so that the clause will read: 'in case of a majority of the members voting in favor of the office, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, etc.'

On same page, third answer to question 31, strike out 'Elders' and insert 'Traveling Deacons, Licentiates, Local Preachers and Exhorters' in this district or under his jurisdiction.

On page 105, third answer to question 4, insert at the end of 3d question after 'annual conference' the words 'in accordance with our law.' In the chapter relating to Stewards and Stewardesses on page 300, first line strike out 'Stewards' and insert 'Quarterly Conference' so that answer 3d, will read 'the Quarterly Conference shall confirm or reject the nomination of Stewardesses, etc.'

After offering the above amendments, Rev. Green said, in the absence of his colleague, he is requested to offer the following amendments in his behalf: "Section 3, on public worship, page 61. 1st. Let the morning services be conducted as follows:

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Some member from the South Car-

olina delegation here began to speak, when Rev. Mr. Jackson rose to a point of order. He said the floor having been accorded the Louisiana delegation, and Rev. Green of that delegation being on the floor, he ought not to be interrupted.

Rev. Green asked for the resolution of Dr. Tanner. The Bishop ordered the Secretary to read the resolution.

The Secretary then read the resolution.

Rev. Mr. Green next offered another resolution.

Whereas, Considerable trouble has from time to time occurred from the lack of uniformity in selecting and certifying delegates to the General conference,

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision of Discipline be, and they are hereby authorized to prepare and report a suitable form of credentials for General conference delegates, both lay and ministerial, which shall be uniform throughout the connection and which shall be complied with in all cases hereafter in strict accordance with a plain construction of the law of our church on this subject.

The gentleman said he presents this because he thinks some provision like this ought to be made to maintain the right of conference to amend reports. He has another resolution which he would offer, and ask that it be referred. He therefore offered this additional resolution:

QUALIFICATIONS OF EPISCOPAL CANDIDATES.

WHEREAS, It is at least possible that this General Conference may deem it necessary to elect and ordain some person or persons to exercise Episcopal authority within our church. And whereas, it would be suicidal to take even the slightest steps backward, as regards the educational qualifications essential for the occupations of so exalted a stature in the church of this enlightened day. Therefore be it

Resolved, That with the favor of God before us, and the good of the church as our dearest object, and our

highest ambition we will not vote for

any person whom we do not believe to be educationally as well as religiously qualified for the Episcopal chair.

Resolved, That as a test of Educational fitness, a candidate for Bishop shall at least be able to pass a fair examination in the course of studies prescribed for a candidate for Deacons orders and shall possess a good practical knowledge of the law and economy of the church.

After reading this resolution pertaining to the qualifications of persons for the office of bishops, there was a general boast of gratification on the part of the members.

Quiet being restored, the reading clerk read a petition from the church at New Orleans.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Green, it was referred to the committee on ways and means.

California Conference was called. Rev. Mr. I. Weir offered the following amendment on page 74, section 6 of the discipline.

Rev. Dr. Tanner was about to move to amend a portion of the resolution of Mr. Weir.

The Chair ruled that no amendment can be made, as the resolution has to be referred.

Rev. R. H. W. Leek, of North Carolina Conference, offered an amendment, entitled "An act to amend the law on page 103, section 2, of the Discipline."

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Show thyself the prince of peace,
Bid our jars forever cease.

By thy reconciling love,
Every stumbling-block remove,
Each to each unite, endear;
Come, and spread thy banner here.

Mak us of one heart and mind,
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Lowly, meek, in thought and word,
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Eleventh Day's Proceedings.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference assembled at the hour designated by Conference yesterday viz: 8:30 o'clock.

Bishop Shorter in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. James F. A. Sisson of Indian Conference.

Hymn 701 was sung:

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,
Still may we dwell secure,
Sufficient is thy arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be then our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

He then read XIX Psalm, after which he offered prayer.

A Brother moved the suspension of the roll. Carried.

The Bishop then asked the secre-

tary to read the minutes of yesterday's session, whilst reading the minutes, Rev. R. A. Johnson of Ohio, gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the vote by which it was determined to elect the bishops on Saturday.

Rev. Cornelius Asbury gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the resolution of Rev. Green, pertaining to the qualifications of bishops.

Rev. A. M. Green said that was the business of the committee on Episcopacy.

Rev. W. D. Johnson moved that the minutes stand approved.

Rev. J. M. Townsend said with all due respect to the mover, he would move that the communication of the Rev. Green be stricken out of the minutes.

Rev. C. T. Shaffer, of New York Conference was speaking on the subject, when Rev. J. M. Townsend asked the chair if his motion be not in order. Chair ruled; No.

W. E. Thomas said it is impossible for any motion to be entertained by the chair to strike out any portion that has been referred to a committee. The chair then put the question of adoption of the minutes. Carried.

At this stage the Rt. Rev. T. M. D. Ward took the chair. He said he desired all to be quiet and that one speak at a time.

Rev. J. M. Townsend moved that so much of the journal as related to the election of bishops as submitted by Rev. Green of Louisiana, be reconsidered.

Rev. Shaffer of New York said he

was not ready for there is a motion pending before that of Mr. Townsend.

Rev. Green said the motion cannot be entertained because there is really no motion pending before the conference.

Rev. Shaffer of New York: I want to offer some practical reasons why this motion should be reconsidered, and why after being reconsidered we should place the time of election on Tuesday at 9 o'clock. First we have brethren who have come up to legislate on for this church.

Rev. T. G. Stewart rose to a point of order. He said the brother was discussing the merits of the case, etc.

The bishop asked whether the conference was ready to vote on the motion to reconsider.

Rev. Shaffer said if he has the floor he would like to go on undisturbed. He went on. Now brethren I shall tell in a few words, why the reconsideration should be heard. Yesterday when this motion was past adopting the committee's report (cries of question).

Rev. Stewart: I repeat that there are good reasons for my position. Yesterday when this motion was passed it prevailed on the second amendment whilst the motion and amendment offered previous to be acted upon. The minutes would bear me out in this point. Secondly, if this be allowed to go uncorrected it will reflect discreditably on the conference. The General officers had not yet made their report.

Rev. Triplett rose to a point of order. He said the general officers had

ample time to make their report and this conference has no right to wait on them. (Cries of question.)

Hey. L. Gardner, rose to a point of order. He wanted to know if the candidates for the bishopric have to make report on the condition of the Financial Board. (Laughter).

The question was put, Shall the action of the Conference be reconsidered which has reference to the time of the election of bishops?

Lest by an overwhelming vote.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer, of Tennessee, here became very excited. He said the question was lost because the Chair would not allow their side of the Conference to be heard. He would go home rather than submit to such indignity. He thereupon took his hat and went out.

The next question was, Shall the resolution of Rev. R. H. Green, of Louisiana, which has reference to the qualification of bishops be expunged from the minutes?

This was put and carried.

Rev. Green said he wished to enter his protest against the action of the Conference in expunging his resolution from the minutes without being reconsidered.

He was ordered to put it in writing.

Rev. W. J. Jackson, from Mississippi, asked whether this Conference will allow the Committee on Ways and Means—

Permission was refused.

Rev. J. H. A. Johnson asked, Is there any objection to his putting in an amendment in behalf of the Baltimore Conference?

Rev. W. C. Johnson—I rise to a point of order. He said during the call of Conference no other business can intervene.

Bishop Brown—Brother W. E. Johnson, I wish you will allow me to preside. I have not answered the question, and you do not know in what way I would answer it. There cannot be two Chairmans. (Laughter.)

CALL OF CONFERENCES.

Rev. B. F. Porter, of South Caro-

lina Conference, offered

I. An amendment of Chapter IX, page 325 of the Discipline, pertaining to the election of three Commissioners on Education.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

II. To amend Chapter VI, Sec. 1, page 312 of Discipline, so as to read: "Three Commissioners" instead of "a Traveling Agent."

Referred.

III. To amend Sec. VIII, Part 3, page 158 of Discipline. Change the title so as to read: "The trial of local elders, deacons, preachers and licentiates, and exhorters."

Referred.

Rev. T. G. Stewart moved to reconsider the motion to suspend the rule, and reconsider the resolution of Rev. W. E. Johnson (No. 47).

Rev. Stewart—As I understand it, we are called upon to state the reasons why the rules are to be suspended. I have no personal interest, but I do not see how we can get on without action in this matter. We have

1. To increase the amount.

2. To lessen the collection.

3. To guard the money thus collected.

If we attempt to overthrow our present financial system, we will ruin our prospect for the next four years. The present financial system may have its faults, but it has certainly done a great deal for the Church—better than any we have had. To lay aside that and experiment on another will jeopardize our prosperity for the next four years.

Rev. Paul Jefferson said Rev. Stewart was out of order—a motion to suspend the rules was not debatable.

The Chair ruled otherwise.

Rev. Stewart continued: I am not in favor of abolishing the present system and experimenting on something new. I beg to thank the brethren for their patient hearing of my remarks.

Rev. Mr. Hunter rose and began to speak on the resolution, when Rev. J. H. A. Johnson rose to a point of order. He said the motion before the

house is to suspend the rule. Mr. Hunter is speaking on the merits of the change. (Cries of "Question.")

The motion to suspend the rule was put and lost.

BILLS.

The Conferences were called for bills.

The Clerk here read a petition from certain members of South Carolina Conference.

At the close, a motion was made to set aside the petition from South Carolina.

Carried.

Rev. Jas. Porter, of Georgia Conference, presenting a bill asking appropriation for a college at Newman, Georgia.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

Rev. H. M. Turner, LL.D., submitted

I. A resolution to create a committee to devise ways and means for the publication of a Quarterly Review of the M. E. Church.

Referred to the Committee on Revision.

II. A resolution to elect four elders of experience, to be known as Triers of Appeals.

Referred.

III. On the qualification of class leaders.

Referred.

IV. A resolution pertaining to laymen's vote in the Annual Conferences.

Referred.

Lay member A. H. Hendricks, of Georgia, asked Rev. Turner, "Why have you introduced a bill prohibiting lay members from voting on the characters of ministers?"

Rev. Triplett, of California, objected to such questions being asked when the resolution has to be referred to a committee.

V. A resolution on fast days.

Referred.

VI. A resolution empowering the Board of Bishops to revise the rituals of the Church.

Referred to Committee on Rituals.

VII. A resolution empowering the bishops to revise the "Course of Study" for the admission of deacons and elders.

Referred to Committee on Education.

VIII. A resolution pertaining to female literature.

IX. A resolution authorizing and instructing the bishops to have essays, readings, etc., in Annual Conferences.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Rev. S. H. Robertson, of Georgia, offered

An amendment to Article V, page 324 of the Discipline, empowering Conference to retain twenty-five per cent. of all moneys collected within its bounds.

Referred.

Rev. Mr. Hillard offered a resolution on Sabbath-schools, which was referred.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Rev. W. D. W. Schureman offered a resolution on lay delegations of the Annual Conferences.

Referred.

Also that so much of the discipline as refers to local elders be entirely expunged.

Referred.

Rev. W. H. Brown offered a bill to amend that portion of the discipline which pertains to the suspension of leaders.

A motion was made to lay the bill on the table.

Lost.

A motion to refer was also lost.

Rt. Rev. D. A. Payne then entered the following protest against the action of the General Conference in the case of Rev. John G. Yeiser, a delegate of the New Jersey Conference:

I protest against its action on the following grounds: because

First. I believe it to be unjust.

Second. Because I believe that an invidious distinction has been made between him and a delegate

from the Georgia Annual Conference.

Statement of the Case.

1st. There are two classes of delegates who enter into the composition of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church:

(a) Ministerial delegates.

(b) Lay delegates.

2d. Both of these must have certain qualifications, or they cannot be seated just and legally.

(a) The ministerial delegate must have traveled four consecutive years; whose character and standing is fair, he having been elected by the Annual Conference prior to the sitting of the General Conference.

(b) The Lay Delegates must have been for two consecutive years, members in good standing in our church, possessing good natural and acquired abilities, who both honor and love the doctrine of our church.

To the Ministerial Delegates the Discipline recognizes no alternates, therefore, it does not provide for their election—because it is mute concerning their existence, it is therefore mute concerning the method of their creation, if they come into existence at all.

To the Lay Delegates, the Discipline creates alternate, and ordains the mode of their creation. It is by election through an Electoral College: this college being created through mass meetings of church members.

1st. By custom alternates are elected for supplying any vacancy which may occur in the ranks of the Ministerial Delegates; for the sake of perspicuity, let us label them thus:

To Ministerial Delegates	- A
Is Alternate	- a
To Ministerial Delegates	- B
Is alternate	- b
To Ministerial Delegate	- C
Is Alternate	- c
To Ministerial Delegate	- E
Is Alternate	- e

Now about twenty-four hours before the adjournment of the New

Jersey Annual Conference, it became certain that Ministerial Delegate A

was too sick to be at the General Conference; and his alternate a, absolutely resigned his opportunity and privilege to come, thus producing a vacancy. Now in as much as the law does not recognize such a thing as an Alternate to a Ministerial Delegate therefore it has indicated no method of creating one. For this reason I deemed it prudent to appoint Rev. J. G. Yeiser to fill the vacancy—did so—because there is no law enjoining what should be done in such an emergency—and no law prohibiting what I did do. Where there is no law, there is no transgression. The action of the General Conference, by which it has ejected Rev. J. G. Yeiser from his seat is therefore unjust.

And more, the action of the General Conference seems also invidious, in that it has seated a Delegate from the Georgia Conference whose character is impeached for gross immorality, and who according to the law, is not entitled to a seat though formally elected by his Annual Conference.

Does this General Conference set more value upon a method, than upon moral character?

In the one case, a delegate eminently qualified to work successfully in all the divisions of the General Conference, comes here with a character unimpeached, and he is rejected on account of some so-called informalities, not condemned by the law. In the other case a delegate from the Georgia Conference regularly elected, but, if current report be true, having a character condemned by the civil law; condemned and denounced by the moral law; impeached by one of the highest officers of the ecclesiastical law; he is shielded and seated contrary to the law. Is this right, is it just? Is it Christian? Is this General Conference prepared to go down to posterity with such a record? Can we afford it Brethren? As for me, I can not, and, therefore, I enter my solemn protest, and leave the case to the "avenging pen" of im-

partial History, and the sentence of discriminating Posterity.

Summary of the Case.

[a] The law regulating the composition of the General Conference, does not recognize any alternates to Ministerial Delegates, therefore does not order any method to create them.

[b] The election of Alternates to Ministerial Delegates, is mere custom, but custom without law is not binding, it is often nothing more than antiquated error.

[c] The appointment of Rev. J. G. Yeiser was the product of an emergency, not foreseen by the law, therefore not forbidden by the law; consequently cannot be a canonical office.

[d] To punish an officer for an act not forbidden by law, is unjust and cruel. For such reasons I enter my solemn protest, and beg, that it be put on the records of General Conference.

Respectfully and Fraternally,
PAYNE.

At the close of the reading of the protest Rev. Jas. H. Hubbard moved that the protest be placed in the general conference minutes. Carried by a vote of 119 yeas, the other members not voting; they were in the minority.

Rev. John Turner of Missouri Conference said the Rev. Mr. Bush a regularly appointed delegate from Missouri, had sent an alternate at the commencement of the conference to act for him, but that he has since been here himself for some days. He would like to know if the committee on Delegation had reported.

The bishop said no.

Bishop Brown here asked permission of the Conference for Rev. Edmund Wright to address the conference.

Rev. Jackson of Ohio objected to "the time of the conference being taken for any other purpose."

A motion was made to allow Mr. Wright to speak, it was carried.

Rev. Wright then spoke. After

thanking the Conference for allowing him to speak. He referred to the work of several persons in the country and elsewhere for the spread of the people at some length. At the close of his remarks he presented a nickel Testament to bishop Brown, and left seven others to be presented to the other bishops.

The call of Conferences was continued.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

Rev. W. J. Gaines offered:

I. A resolution to regulate the action of the Financial Board. Referred to the committee on Revisions.

II. A resolution to allow married preachers a salary of \$400. per annum, and to revise the salaries of ministers, their orphans, etc. Referred to the committee on Revision.

III. On the endowment of Wilberforce University—money to be appropriated by the respective annual conferences—the Annual Conference to offer scholarships to be used in educating young men for the ministry in the A. M. E. Church. Referred to the committee on Revision.

Rev. D. J. McGhee offered a resolution on publication department instructing the secretaries of the Annual Conference to forward copies of minutes to that department immediately after the rise of Conference.

Referred.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rev. Harper offered a resolution pertaining to the composition of the General Conference.

Referred.

Rev. A. Hall offered a bill to amend that part of the discipline pertaining to local preachers.

Referred.

Rev. J. S. Hamilton, from North Georgia Conference, offered a bill on church government.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Rev. A. M. Foley. A bill to authorize the pastors of circuits to institute a treasury in each charge.

Referred.

Bishop Wayman said the idea of

grouping the conferences together, is to enable the several delegations to select some efficient person in each delegation to present the bills. At the rate some of the delegates are going on the Conference will be here till July. These remarks were occasioned by the poor and incomprehensible reading of some of the delegates.

EAST FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

Rev. J. Sawyer introduced a resolution that the General Conference endorse the action of the East Florida Conference and apportion one-fourth of the dollar money collected within its bounds for the educational interest of the people of that State.

Rev. F. J. Brown, Alabama Conference, offered a resolution that each bishop be instructed to visit every parish in his district at least once in four years.

Referred.

Rev. M. Ed. Bryant. A resolution to empower daughters of conference and children of the daughters of conference to collect money to aid the Parent, Home and Foreign Missions.

Referred.

Rev. C. W. Porter. A resolution pertaining to the statistics of the annual conferences.

Referred.

Rev. W. R. Carson. A resolution prohibiting the election of any member from any conference to the General Conference who has not been a member of the annual conference at least one full year.

Referred.

Rev. B. Lewis Hilliard. A bill to provide for the trial of bishops at the General Conference.

Referred.

Rev. J. T. Jenifer, of Arkansas Conference. A resolution to appoint presidents, principals, and teachers by the annual conferences.

Referred.

Rev. C. W. Porter, of Texas Conference, offered a resolution on Missions.

Referred.

Revs. Amos A. A. Williams and

C. H. H. Pettigrew offered a joint resolution that a committee of seven be created for the purpose of calling an Ecumenical Council for the purpose of uniting all the colored branches of the Methodist family.

Carried.

Bishop Brown then appointed the following brethren on that committee: Revs. A. A. Williams, T. H. Jackson, H. M. Turner, C. T. Shaffer, W. H. Hunter, R. H. Cain, B. W. Arnett.

Rev. A. J. Chambers here informed the Conference that owing to pressing legal business in connection with his church, he has to leave this evening for Arkansas. His reasons being satisfactory, he was excused.

Conference here adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

[In the matter of the appeal of Rev. R. H. Cain, by a typographical error, the appeal was reported as prevailed. We wish to correct here by saying that on the question, Shall the appeal of Rev. R. H. Cain be sustained? it was lost by a vote of 149 yeas to 82 yeas.—En.]

Eleventh Day's Proceedings.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference assembled at 3 o'clock

P. M.

Bishop Brown in the chair

Hymn was sung:

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill,
Assured if I my trust betray,
I shall for ever die.

Rev. C. L. Bradwell of Georgia Conference led in prayer.

THE PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful father, we have gathered ourselves together through thy well-directed providence this afternoon, as we have before

done for the purpose of working for thee. We bless thy name that we have been watched over and taken care of until this day, and permitted to be found laboring in thy vineyard. Oh Lord forget us not in the future. Help each one of us to continue to labor for the upbuilding of thy church and grant that we may be permitted to see the continued prosperity of thy church here on earth. Oh bless these brethren who have come from all parts of thy vineyard to labor for the advancement of thy church, bless the officers who preside over this body. Merciful, grant that all we do may be done in accordance with thy will and pleasure. May the amendments and resolutions offered be for thy honor and glory, and not for sectional interests. And when time fails us on earth bring us and all thy people unto thyself and thy name will be glorified through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Brown asked the secretary to read the minutes. At its close, it was moved that the minutes stand approved.

On the motion being put, Rev. A. M. Green, of Louisiana, objected to that portion of the minutes which has reference to "reconsidering" the motion of the speaker of yesterday. He wants to have the words "strike out" inserted. The minutes were approved with the corrections referred to.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer rose to a privileged question. When the motion was made to reconsider I rose and stated my readiness to have that motion put two or three times. I rose to speak on the subject, but was not allowed to speak. Just at the time I was about to speak. Some one said, "Shaffer you cannot speak. Shaffer, you are too white." Now, sir, for 22 years I have been a member of this church, and cannot be subjected to such insinuations. By remarks at that time I am sorry I was so caught off my guard. I feel that I owe an apology to Bishop Shorter and to the conference for my actions of this morning, and trust that, considering

the circumstances of the case, the conference will excuse and forget it.

Rev. J. H. Welsh moved that the apology of Rev. Mr. Shaffer be accepted. Carried.

Rev. C. W. Porter rose to a question of privilege. He said: Rev. Shaffer alluded to certain members on our side of the house, but I am afraid he is mistaken, for he for one and his delegation have the highest regard of every member of the conference.

Rev. T. J. Peck said some one had misinformed Rev. Shaffer on the subject.

Rev. S. H. Jefferson rose and said this reminds him of an article written by himself on the "Curse of Caste." He said caste has damaged civilization in every way. It is caste that mars the peace of this country to day religiously, politically, socially and morally. This most hateful subject is not found only among the Caucasian race itself.

He was here interrupted and the matter dropped.

It was moved that the votes of the brothers, C. T. and G. A. Shaffers be allowed for candidates for the office of Bishops and deposit their ballots sealed before leaving the conference. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that Elder Shaffer be instructed to turn over all the books and papers concerning the Allen monument. The question being met, Rev. J. C. Embray said the fact is, the P. conference never appointed any agent to raise money for the erection of a monument to the memory of Richard Allen, and if the Annual Conference had seen fit to appoint persons for that purpose, what right has the general conference to demand these books?

Rev. W. H. Hunter said the Arkansas conference appointed a committee for that purpose, namely, to raise funds for the establishment of a monument for Richard Allen, and submitted the matter to the general conference, which conference ap-

proved of and indorsed it, whereby it became a part of the general conference proceedings.

Rev. A. G. Chambers said, as a member of that committee, his reputation is at stake. He had been appointed by the Arkansas conference to raise funds for the monument. Without a paper, and with only \$8 in his pocket, he went to Little Rock, had papers printed for the purpose and sent over the country. He appealed to the Governor of Arkansas, who signed it and put the seal of the State upon it. He received moneys in different places. All who have given anything, their names and the amounts are in his books, etc. He explained at length the various difficulties he had to undergo in raising moneys for the purpose.

Rev. C. H. Hunter said in view of the fact that the matter being made public, Rev. Chambers should be allowed to make his statement undisturbed.

Rev. Mr. Chambers then proceeded; He said he went to Washington introduced to Hon. Samuel J. Randall, Chairman of the House of Representatives.

Rev. C. T. Stewart rose to a point of order. He said Rev. Chambers had said that he would rather lose an arm before he gives up the books, it is therefore unnecessary for him to make any detailed statement.

The Chair said he should be allowed to speak.

The gentleman (Chambers) then proceeded: He said he wrote a statement in writing, and handed it to Senator Morton, from whom he received little or no encouragement.

Rev. Stansbury rose to a point of order. He said the conference is now holding two sessions daily to precipitate business, and Brother Chambers' remarks, which are quite irrelevant to the business of the conference, are taking up unnecessary time. He would therefore move that Rev. Chambers be allowed to go with his books.

Bishop Brown said if it take until

6 o'clock he should go on until he is finished unless the conference adjourns.

He, Rev. Mr. Chambers, then proceeded, showing in detail how he received \$1,500 from the United States Treasury in Washington. He also told of his calling on Samuel Jones Tilden, etc. At the close of his statement.

On motion of Rev. C. C. Felts, That Bro. A. J. Chambers' case be dismissed.

Amended by Rev. R. M. Hunter. "That the committee be discharged." Motion as amended prevailed.

Rev. J. C. Embry stated that his report as Financial Secretary of the *Christian Recorder*, being ready, he would ask the privilege of submitting it to-morrow morning immediately after the reading of the journal.

Conferences were then called for bills.

SOUTH ARKANSAS.

Rev. Edmund Brown submitted a resolution pertaining to the course of study of exhorters. Referred.

2. A resolution pertaining to speaking in church. Referred.

3. A resolution pertaining to trustees of the church. Referred.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas submitted the following resolution:

That conference adopt the Manual of Wayman on Discipline for use by this General conference, as used by the M. E. church.

Rev. W. H. Offer moved the adoption of the resolution. Carried.

2. A resolution to amend sections —, pages —, of the Discipline of the church, pertaining to the expulsion of ministers, elders, deacons, etc.

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Opening hymn, 591:

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free;
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely spilt for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne,—
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.

O for a lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true and clean;
Which neither life nor death can part
From Him that dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love Divine;
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.

The reverend gentleman then offered prayer.

The reading of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes were read and ap-

proved without any objections.

Conferences were then called for resolutions, amendments, etc.

Rev. A. M. Green then submitted his protest against the arbitrary rules of the Chair in entertaining the motion expunging his resolution from the minutes without allowing him to speak or even entertaining an amendment which was offered in place of the original notice.

Rev. Dr. Johnson here objected by rising to a point of order. He said the resolution upon which the protest of Rev. A. M. Green is based has been expunged from the minutes. The fact of his being allowed to enter a protest now will naturally bring his resolution into the minutes again. It is contrary to all parliamentary rules. He objected most emphatically to the Conference allowing him to submit it.

Rev. Green said: "Mr. Chairman, I stand on this floor the equal in every respect of Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Johnson. When the action by which my resolution was expunged from the minutes was taken, I there and then gave notice that I would enter a protest against it. I do not see now why Dr. Johnson should object to my protest. I have seen in the journals of this General Conference actions attributable to Dr. Johnson which are exceedingly unparliamentary. I said nothing of these unparliamentary actions, and I feel that my protest must be received by this Conference."

Bishop Brown ruled that Mr. Green be allowed to finish reading his protest.

Rev. Lazarus Gardner said yester-

day, after due notice to the Conference, the Right Rev. Daniel A. Payne was allowed to enter his protest against the action of the General Conference in the matter of the Rev. J. G. Yeiser. This protest was entertained and allowed to be entered in the minutes, and would thereby go down to posterity. Why not accord the same privilege to Rev. A. M. Green, why this war, this objection to his protest, when he has taken the same steps which Bishop Payne took?

[CORRECTION.—In the matter of the protest of Right Rev. D. A. Payne, in the case of Rev. J. G. Yeiser, in yesterday's Recorder, by a typographical error, he was made to say, in the "Summary of the Case," paragraph (c), canonical "office," instead of "canonical offense." The paragraph should read: "The appointment of Rev. J. G. Yeiser was the product of an emergency, not foreseen by law, therefore not forbidden by the law, consequently cannot be a canonical offense."

A motion was here made to prevent Rev. Green from further reading of his protest. There being no second, it was lost. The protest was then read and finished.

A motion was made to enter the protest on the minutes.

Before the question was put, Bishop Brown said he is surprised that any one should insist on having the resolution brought again into the minutes through the protest.

The office of a Bishop is a dignified one; and a bishop should have at least the qualifications of a D. D.

instead of that of a deacon.

Rev. I. H. Jackson moved in amendment that the protest be laid on the table.

Lost by a vote of 47 yeas to 72 nos.

A motion was made that the protest be not allowed in the minutes. Carried.

Rev. J. C. Embry, Financial Secretary here came forward to make his report.

He said before reading his report he would remind the conference that as a rule, we who are members are not students of finance. Nations have found that their prosperity in a great measure depends upon their finance. As this is true with regard to nations, so is it true with regard to churches. Religion marches abreast with commerce. The acquisitions of industry—He was here interrupted—When quiet was resumed, he continued. In view of the remarks that commerce and industry keep pace with each other so the work of the evangelical church, true to the people from the power of Satan to God. Money as an agent in this work is indispensable. Men in every age in this world found that they can not go forward with any good work without money. But I will ask you what is the rank of those churches who have attempted to get along without money.

The Rev. gentleman was here again interrupted by Rev. F. J. Cooper who said that the conference wants his report. (Cries of report, report.)

Rev. O. P. Ross of Kentucky said Elder Embry holds the position to the church which Secretary Sherman holds to the nation and should be allowed to preface his report with some remarks.

Rev. R. H. Early moved that Rev. Mr. Embry be allowed to go on with his remarks.

Carried by a vote of 61 yeas to 28 nays.

He then proceeded.

Brethren you have caused me to break my remarks—to loose the drift

of my speech, I shall therefore read my report after which I shall finish my remarks.

He then submitted the following: **REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.**
To the Bishops and Members of the Seventeenth General Conference:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—I submit herewith the second quadrennial report relative to the condition and working of our Church Treasury during the past four years.

The first report, which was rendered to the last General Conference by my predecessor, was received with approval. We all felt that, in the matter of finance, a new era had dawned upon the Church. There was reason to hope that the system, which had accomplished so much in the beginning, would go forward with increasing usefulness and success.

Since that time, two circumstances have occurred that seriously hindered, for a time, the progress of the system.

The first of these was the great financial depression that took place in 1875, and continued to 1875. We are all familiar with the facts of that period, and know how difficult it was for the masses of the people to obtain even the necessities of life, on account of the scarcity of money.

It should not seem strange therefore, that the receipts of our treasury materially declined during the fifth and sixth years, viz.: from 1876 to 1878.

The second cause of hindrance to our progress, was the failure in health of the late secretary, Rev. J. H. W. Burley, and the poor, irregular management that naturally followed.

On the resignation of Bro. Burley, which occurred in November, 1878, I was appointed by the bishops to discharge the duties of the office.

Owing to this state of things, and the difficulties incident to the change, I did not get full charge of the office until in January, 1879, and did not get full control of the business, as Secretary, until April 24, 1879.

I date my full responsibility for the

receipt and disbursement of the funds from that time only, excepting for about \$6,000 accounted for, received between January and April, 1879.

All of this report prior to that time is made only as auditor of accounts.

Hence, I do not affirm that the figures here submitted are exactly correct in each particular item; but in the aggregate, they are as nearly exact, as the state of the records render it possible to make them.

It affords me pleasure to say that the two last years past, show a decided advance.

The collections for the year just closed show an increase in nearly all the conferences, and exceed the collections of any previous year by more than \$6,000.

The figures are as follows:

Fifth Annual Statement,

TO APRIL 24TH, 1877.

Alabama Conference,	\$ 916 70
Arkansas Conference,	273 70
South Arkansas Conference,	415 52
Baltimore	1,527 03
California	86 50
Florida	795 52
Georgia	1,298 68
North Georgia	946 93
Indiana	423 48
Illinois	563 45
New Jersey	866 63
Kentucky	699 52
Kansas	425 90
Louisiana	540 04
Missouri	925 80
Mississippi	530 25
New England	265 55
New York	691 00
North Carolina	635 73
Ohio	148 00
Philadelphia	1,985 94
Pittsburgh	577 05
South Carolina	1,866 10
Tennessee	452 70
West Tennessee	367 15
Texas & W. Texas	694 70
Virginia	648 19
Education Money	77 72

\$19,575 48

Balance from fourth year 1,081 91

\$20,657 39

District Reports.

FIFTH YEAR 1876—1877.

1st Dist., Bishop Payne	\$3,809 12
2nd " " Brown	4,777 05
3d " " Wayman	2,244 42
4th " " Shorter	2,338 63
5th " " Ward	1,913 96
6th " " Campbell	4,428 08
California	86 50
Total,	\$19,497 76

Disbursements Fifth Year.

TO APRIL 24TH, 1877.

Paid to—	
Salaries of the Bishops,	\$11,000 00
" General Officers,	4,703 50
Bishop's traveling expenses to California,	100 00
Rent of Office,	241 00
Printing Reports, &c.,	97 00
Traveling expenses of Finance Board,	169 00
Stamps and Stationery,	95 09
Fuel,	40 00
Wilberforce University,	100 00
On account W. H. Hunter's claim against the Publication Board,	813 00
On account of the Haytian Mission,	175 46
Cost of Bishop Galaxy's Appropriation to the Conferences,	2,297 43
Other Miscellaneous Items	45 07
	\$20,326 55
Balance,	\$330 84

Sixth Annual Statement,

6TH YEAR, TO APRIL 24TH, 1878.

Alabama Conference,	\$ 1,313 50
Arkansas	552 50
South Arkansas Conference	606 55
Baltimore	377 60
California	95 00
Florida	473 21
East Florida	798 93
Georgia	1,905 11
North Georgia	1,624 67
Indiana	467 63
Illinois	807 04
New Jersey	427 07
Kentucky	794 00
Kansas	608 48
Louisiana	565 92

Missouri	1,022 02
Mississippi	194 80
North Mississippi	437 00
New England	371 17
New York	452 65
North Carolina	554 93
Ohio	892 74
Philadelphia	2,117 80
Pittsburgh	220 37
South Carolina	2,008 77
Tennessee	880 15
West Tennessee	227 94
Texas	240 50
West Texas	593 05
Virginia	326 29
Education Money	427 70
	\$22,375 18
Balance from 5th year	330 84
Total	\$22,706 02

District Reports, 6th Year,

TO APRIL 24TH, 1878.

1st Dis., Bishop Payne	\$ 3,368 69
2nd " " Brown	3,267 68
3d " " Wayman	2,995 20
4th " " Shorter	2,905 17
5th " " Ward	2,558 52
6th " " Campbell	6,757 22
California	95 00
Educational Fund	427 70
	\$22,375 18
Balance	330 84
	\$22,709 02

Disbursements, 6th Year.

TO APRIL 24TH, 1878.

Paid to Salaries of the Bishops	\$11,427 80
" to salaries of General Officers	4,553 00
" to Appropriation to Conferences	5,539 65
" to Rent of Office	202 70
" to Stamps and Stationery	25 17
" to Bishop's Traveling Expenses to California	100 00
" to Bishop's Galaxy	200 00
" to Traveling Expenses of Fin.	

Board	281 00
" to Other Miscellaneous Items	47 05
	\$22,375 67

Balance \$350 35

Seventh Annual Statement.

TO APRIL 24TH, 1879.

Alabama Conference,	\$ 941 15
North Ala. Conference	527 00
Arkansas	455 55
S. Arkansas	618 85
Baltimore	2,204 24
California	114 00
Florida	447 72
E. Florida	608 98
Georgia	1,962 45
N. Georgia	16,37 34
Indiana	551 21
Illinois	673 21
Kentucky	689 95
Kansas	837 70
Louisiana	756 65
Missouri	1,021 70
Mississippi	219 69
N. Mississippi	414 61
New Jersey	1,441 81
New England	427 82
New York	743 74
North Carolina	557 22
Ohio	980 51
Philadelphia	2,213 21
Pittsburgh	418 42
South Carolina	1,099 55
Tennessee	798 81
W. Tennessee	177 01
Texas	691 45
West Texas	448 00
Columbia	757 58
Virginia	689 89

\$26,126 97

Balance from sixth year, 350 35

\$26,477 32

District Reports Seventh Year.

TO APRIL 24TH, 1879.

1st Dist., Bishop Payne,	\$4,826 58
2d " Bishop Brown,	5,308 43
3d " Bishop Wayman,	3,064 70
4th " Bishop Shorter,	3,083 82
5th " Bishop Ward,	2,970 50
6th " Bishop Campbell,	6,758 94
California,	114 00
	\$26,126 97

<i>Disbursements Seventh Year.</i>		Illinois	"	704 29	California	200 00
TO APRIL 24th, 1879.		Kentucky	"	485 10	" Delegate to Brit-	
Paid to—		Kansas	"	937 00	ish Conference	400 00
Salaries of the Bishops,	\$12,000 00	Louisiana	"	1,140 83	" Scholarship at	
" of Gen'l Officers,	4,085 02	Mississippi	"	457 50	Wilberforce U.	100 00
Bals. due from last year,	622 72	North Mississippi	"	919 60	" Rent of Office	120 00
Traveling Expenses of		Missouri	"	977 50	" Traveling Ex-	
Bishop to California,	150 00	New York	"	731 91	penses of Fin.	
Rent of Office,	128 60	New England	"	495 06	Board	269 95
Rev. D. W. Moore,	20 00	North Carolina	"	681 91	" Special Appro-	
Bethel Church at N.O., La.	40 00	New Jersey	"	742 67	priation to sal-	
Publication Board on ac-		Ohio	"	968 81	aries for May	1,281 72
count of debt,	363 00	Philadelphia	"	2,284 08	" Traveling Ex. of	
Annual Conferences,	5,529 74	Pittsburgh	"	594 60	F. S. Visiting	
Stamps and Stationery,	16 22	South Carolina	"	1,659 62	Conf's	157 10
Other Miscellaneous Items,	259 32	Tennessee	"	871 91	" P. O. Box	8 00
	\$23,876 42	West Tennessee	"	282 80	" Printing circulars	
Cash bal. April 24, 1879,	737 10	Texas	"	322 60	and Letter Heads	8 25
Acceptances given by		West Texas	"	833 70	" Postage	15 00
J. H. Burley,	737 39	Virginia	"	608 40	" Postal Cards and	
	\$25,350 91	North East Texas	"	495 75	Printing same	2 35
Balance unaccounted for,	1,126 41	Indian	"	21 19	" Assistance on old	
<i>Statement of Receipts and Disburse-</i>					accounts	35 00
<i>ments.</i>					" Traveling Ex. of	
FROM DEC., 1878, TO APRIL 24, 1879.					Editor and Fin.	
Received to Jan. 24, 1879, \$	169 00				S. to Gen. Cou-	
" Feb. "	2,236 48				ence	45 00
" March "	312 21				" Other Miscellane-	
" April "	3,331 29				ous Items, as Fuel,	
Total,	\$6,048 98				Exchange, Sta-	
<i>Disbursements.</i>					tionery, Tele-	
To Jan. 24th,	\$ 141 29				grams, &c.	51 34
To Feb. "	1,875 85					\$27,591 99
To March "	8 00					
To April "	3,286 14					
Balance	\$737 10					
<i>Eighth Annual Statement.</i>						
TO APRIL 24th, 1880—8th YEAR.						
Alabama Conference	\$1,104 10					
North Alabama Conference	724 30					
Arkansas	042 90					
South Arkansas	1,026 92					
Baltimore	2,946 92					
California	143 50					
Columbia	1,080 41					
Florida	491 29					
East Florida	893 73					
Georgia	2,611 46					
North Georgia	2,166 25					
Indiana	578 18					

Disbursed to June 24, '79, 1,820 92		Missouri	3,947 02	of May in each year.
" July "	154 35	New York	1,887 39	c. That the Board of Finance be
" Aug. "	396 95	New England	1,070 54	required to make appropriations in
" Sept. "	3,138 63	North Carolina	2,429 79	full for each fiscal year, covering all
" Oct. "	2,630 71	New Jersey	3,478 18	claims allowed by law, and to cause
" Nov. "	1,684 88	Ohio	2,985 05	the same to be printed and a copy to
" Dec. "	3,039 97	Philadelphia	8,601 03	be forwarded to each conference.
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" March "	2,538 32	Tennessee	3,003 57	sion for any one whomsoever to ap-
" April 30th,	3,977 32	West Tennessee	1,054 93	propriate or use one dollar of the fund
		Texas	1,949 25	not authorized by appropriation of
		West Texas	1,874 75	the board.
Bal. Cash	\$ 5,484 42	North Texas	495 75	3d.—a. That the annual meeting of
		Virginia	3,272 77	the board be convened on the 30th of
Bills receivable	\$33,026 41	Indiana	21 29	May. (Sundays excepted) in each
Bills due from us	288 00			year; and that at the close of each
<i>Monthly Balances, 8th Year.</i>				meeting, the place of each meeting for
TO APRIL 24th, 1880.				the next year be fixed, and published
Balance April 24th, 1879, \$	737 10			with the list of appropriations.
" May "	1,179 02			b. That the Secretary be allowed,
" June "	360 61			with the approval of the board, to lo-
" July "	215 26			cate his office for the quadrennial
" August "	56 90			term, wherever it may be convenient,
" September "	695 88			healthful and cheap.
" October "	434 18			c. That he be allowed \$1,650 per
" November "	293 61			annum, and be required to furnish
" December "	1,065 20			his own office (which should in no
" Jan. 24th 1880.	2,499 48			case be his residence at the time), and
" February "	2,519 99			all expenses of the same, excepting
" March "	3,624 66			books, postage and exchange.
" April "	5,464 42			All of which I humbly submit with
<i>Condensed Conference Reports.</i>				prayer for all who love the Lord Je-
FROM APRIL 24th 1876 TO APRIL 24th				sus Christ in sincerity, and with heart-
1880.				felt thanks to all the Bishops and
Alabama	\$ 4,275 45			brethren who have given me counsel,
North Alabama	1,241 30			confidence and support, during the
Arkansas	2,214 65			short period of my service.
South Arkansas	2,667 84			J. C. EMBRY.
Baltimore	7,055 88			Rev. Mr. Embry—Now, Bishop, I
California	439 00			wish to supplement my recommenda-
Columbia	1,837 94			tion with this:
Florida	2,147 74			Rev. C. L. Harris rose to a ques-
East Florida	2,301 64			tion of privilege. He said he had a
Georgia	7,777 70			telegram which he would like to read,
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Indiana	2,020 50			conference.
Illinois	2,747 99			Rev. Hunter suggested that it be
Kentucky	2,668 57			given to the secretary of the confer-
Kansas	2,809 08			ence to read.
Louisiana	3,003 44			Elder Embry continued: Brethren,
Mississippi	1,402 24			allow me to say—(Order, order)—
North Mississippi	1,771 12			concerning these suggestions I make

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Illinois	2,747 99	2d.—		conference.
Kentucky	2,668 57	a. That the Secretary be au-		Rev. H. Quater suggested that it be
Kansas	2,809 08	thorized to prepare immediately blank		given to the secretary of the confer-
Louisiana	3,003 44	forms for returns from the Annual		ence to read.
Mississippi	1,402 24	conference, to be certified by the pre-		Elder Embry continued: Brethren,
North Mississippi	1,771 12	siding officer and the Conference		allow me to say—(Order, order)—
		Secretary.		concerning these suggestions I make
		f. That the fiscal year begin on		I wanted to make these in writing, so
		the 1st of June and end on the 30th		

that the committee may act up on them and bring them in to the conference. Now, look at chapter 5, page 301:

Section 1. Paragraph 3, in answer to question 1, shall read thus: Should any minister having charge fail to raise the above collections during the conference year, or a fair proportion of it, according to the number of members reported at the last preceding conference, it shall be the duty of the Bishop and conference to refer the matter to the Committee on Dollar Money for inquiry; and if, on examination, they find that the said minister has willfully refused or willfully neglected his duty in raising the collection, he shall, upon vote of the conference, be reproved by the bishops for the first offense, and if he refuse or neglect a second time he shall, upon the vote of the conference, be suspended or dismissed from the itinerant work. This paragraph shall be strictly enforced.

Answer 2. The money collected under provisions of this section shall be used for the following purposes:

1. For the support of efficient bishops.
2. For the purposes of the general officers hereafter named in this charter.
3. To aid in the Publication Department.
4. To aid our needy colleges.
5. To aid the cause of missions.
6. For the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers.
7. To aid the Church Extension Society.

Answer 3. Remain as it is.

Answer 4. Changed to read as follows: The Financial Secretary, five Itinerant Elders and two Laymen and one of the bishops (who shall be ex-officio chairman) shall constitute a board of managers for the church treasury.

The ministerial members of the board shall be elected by the General conference, and the bench of bishops shall designate one of their number annually to preside, and he shall have, as such presiding officer, the

casting vote. The bishop and members thus appointed shall, when convened, elect two laymen of separate quarterly conferences adjacent to the place of meeting, who shall hold their membership two years, at the end of which term two others shall be elected in like manner.

The board shall hold its annual meetings on the first Wednesday of June in each year, and six months shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

At the meeting they shall consider all the claims upon the treasury, provided by law, and shall make appropriations for the same, giving precedence, first to the bishops and officers, 2d, to the conferences for, their widows and orphans, etc., which shall not exceed 20 per ct.

The Financial secretary shall publish the appropriations, item by item, for the information of conferences and the whole church.

It shall be the duty of the bishops and the minister to use the greatest possible diligence in collecting the money thus asked for.

The board shall have power to appoint an executive committee of its members, which, in cases of emergency, may meet at the request of the Financial secretary or call of the president and transact such business as the case requires.

Page 303, Answer 4.

P. I—Remain.

Page 304, Answer — P. II., remain.

Page 304, Answer 5, remain.

Page 304, Answer 6, Remain.

Page 305, Answer P. II and III, remain.

Page 305, Answer 6, remain.

It shall not be lawful for any bishop, elder or preacher to use or appropriate any part or portion of the money belonging to the treasury, excepting as appropriated by the board. Any person so offending shall, upon conviction thereof, be censured or suspended from official standing.

Page 305, Sec. 2. The Episcopal Committee of the General Conference

during the sitting thereof, shall consult with each of the bishops, and make an estimate of the amount necessary for their comfortable support and report the same to the next meeting of the Financial board, which shall place the same in its budget of appropriations, and the Financial Secretary shall pay the same monthly, or nearly as possible. The amount so allowed shall not be less than \$1,600 nor more than \$2,000 per annum.

PAGE 306—TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE BISHOPS.

The traveling expenses of the bishops shall be provided for as follows: One thousand dollars shall be set aside out of the church treasury annually by the secretary and charged to the contingent fund of the bishops, commencing with the first of June proximo. And the financial board shall appropriate among the several conferences the sum of \$3,000 per annum for this purpose, which shall be paid into the treasury by them out of the moneys collected at or brought to the conferences as contingent money [Contingent fund appropriations continued to-morrow.]

This money shall be sent by each of the conferences immediately to the treasury and specified in the remittance as for the contingent fund.

The Financial Board shall appropriate for the support of Wilberforce University two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum, which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the same, and be disbursed under the authority of the University.

The board shall make appropriations also to such other schools of the church as are in working order, and have official recognition by the educational authorities of the church.

Bishop Wayman said, in view of the fact that we are to have an election of Bishops at 11 o'clock, the conference should devote half an hour in prayer to God.

By motion of Rev. Jackson, that 30 minutes be devoted to devotional services, Carried.

The following additional report on

delegations was submitted and adopted:

The case of Brother Bush, lay delegate of the Missouri Annual conference vs. Bro. Jessie Wood, a lay alternate, being before the committee on Delegation, the committee having "counseled" the matter, beg leave to report the following:

When the committee was engaged in making up their report, the Missouri Annual conference delegation came up, and the regular delegate being absent, there being no communication from him, and his alternate being present, he was seated, which action we submitted in our report to the conference, was adopted by conference. In view of the above facts, we, your committee, would respectfully submit that Bro. Woods is entitled to his seat in the General conference. Respectfully,

H. A. KING, Chairman,

C. T. SHAFER, Secretary.

The question of the delegate from Missouri was taken up. He came in place of the regular elected delegate who could not then come, particulars of which were given in yesterday's RECORDER.

Rev. John Turner moved that Rev. Mr. Bush be seated.

After a good deal of debate, some maintaining that the regular delegate should not be seated; some taking opposite views.

Bishop Brown put the question to strike out the name of Woods and put in that of Bush. Lost.

Rev. J. H. Jackson, of Ohio, submitted the following resolutions on the election of bishops.

1. That one teller from each Episcopal district and one at large be appointed by the bishops.

2. That the conferences be called by seniority, and each delegate's name be called, and his ballot shall be deposited, the teller announcing the name and the delegate as having voted,

3. That the three bishops to be elected shall be balloted for at once.

4. That the tellers shall open and

count the ballots, written or printed, in the presence of the General conference.

5. That a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

6. That the balloting be continued until the number to be chosen are elected.

Rev. C. T. Stewart moved that the balloting for bishops be done by written ballots.

Rev. Jackson said the resolution submitted by him already provide for the election either by written or printed ballot.

A motion was made to lay the motion of Elder Stewart on the table.

Elder Stewart gave notice that if his motion be laid on the table, he will not vote for any of the candidates whose names appear on the printed ballots.

A vote was taken on Rev. Stewart's motion. It was carried by a vote of 77 yeas to 65 nays.

A voice, Christianity reigns today.

The conference here proceeded to the

ELECTION OF BISHOPS.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Wayman then appointed the following persons as tellers:

First district, J. P. Thomas, second district, W. H. Forrest; third, Peter Thompson; fourth, J. M. Townsend fifth, Lazarus Gardner; sixth, F. M. Stringer.

Rt. Rev. D. A. Payne, D. D. LL. D., then gave out the hymn:

A charge to keep I have,

A God to glorify,

A never dying soul to save
and fit it for the sky,

To serve the present age

My calling to fulfill,

O may it all my powers engage

To do my Master's will.

Help me to watch and pray

As on thyself rely

Assured if I my trust betray

I shall for ever die.

Bishop Wayman then offered the

following

PRAYER:

"Oh! thou that always was and always will be; before thee the morning sun with empires and earthly governments must at thy bidding disappear. Thou art holy, just and gracious, thou art God. As Christians we would not dare to engage in anything so important as the subject which now fills our minds, which is now the immediate subject of our present assembling without first coming before thee and imploring thy divine guidance. Oh! come in our minds at this time as thou never didst before. Send thy holy spirit to direct and guide us in this very important duty now before us. We do pray thee our Heavenly Father, to let us feel as we approach thee that we are thy children and thou our father. We meet this morning to choose three as shepherds of thy flock, who would occupy the very responsible position of watching over thy church.

"Oh! great searcher of human hearts, Thou who knowest the nature, disposition and inward thoughts of men, guide us in our actions; may we in all we do remember Jesus, whose followers we are, and help us to select such men as would represent thee in spirit and in truth, and as thou really art. May we remember Judas Iscariot, who, chosen to follow thee, and to spread the truths of the gospel, became traitor towards our Master, Jesus Christ. For Thy dear Son's sake, and in His name, do we come and ask Thee to bury our selfishness, and let us be directed to those men that shall reflect the greatest credit upon the office; the men that shall preach Christ and him crucified; without favor, for it will not be long before those of us who now occupy the positions of General Superintendent will be gathered to our Father. The Lord take charge of us, guide and direct us, and finally save us all we beseech thee, for Jesus Christ's sake.

"Amen."

Bishop Payne then read from the

III chapter of 1st Timothy:

This is a true saying; "If a man desires the office of a Bishop, he desireth a good work."

A Bishop then must be blameless (No one should vote for a man who is not blameless. Anathema be the man who casts his vote for any other man), the husband of one wife, (not having a concubine following him behind as he goes through the country); vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach.

Not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous.

One that ruleth well his own house, (for if a man cannot rule his own house, how can he rule the Church of Christ?) having his children in subjection with all gravity. (For if a man knows not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?)

Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride, he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Likewise must the Deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre.

Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience; let the Deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their homes well.

And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness. God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Now listen to what he said to Titus: He said in the I chapter 7: "For a Bishop must be blameless, as the Steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre."

But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate.

Holding fast the faithful sword, as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to ex-

hort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers; especially they of the circumcision.

Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

Now, brethren, if you have put down on your ticket the name of any man, who has not any of these qualities, scratch off his name. Anathema be the man; anathema be the man, I say thrice, anathema be the man who votes otherwise. May God in mercy direct and guide you in your vote.

Rev. C. C. Feltz came forward at the close of the remarks of Bishop Payne, and said: "Bishop, in justice to myself, my conscience, my church and my God, I beg respectfully to make this statement:

Whereas, The Rev. H. M. Turner, a candidate for the bishopric (Cut off by cries of no, no, 'cant allow that.) A general confusion here ensued, which drowned the voice of the speaker. When quiet was restored, Bishop Payne said: This is such an important occasion that if any man knows anything of a candidate he should make it public. Rev. Mr. Feltz has full power, under the Discipline of the church, to impeach the character of Rev. H. M. Turner, or any other candidate, if he knows aught about him. A general confusion here ensued. Quiet being restored, Bishop Wayman ordered the tellers to receive the votes, and the clerk to call the roll. The roll was then called, and the votes were deposited and counted, resulting as follows:

Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., L. L., D., 135 votes.
Rev. R. H. Cain, D. D., 42.
Rev. W. J. Gaines, 46.
Rev. J. T. Jenifer, D. D., 32.
Rev. W. T. Dickerson, D. D., 80.
Rev. W. D. W. Schureman, 31.
Rev. B. T. Tanner, D. D., 36.
Rev. J. W. Early, 6.

Rev. W. H. Hunter, A. M., 32.

Rev. Geo. C. Booth, A. M., 16.

Rev. A. Carr, 49.

Rev. J. M. Townsend, 4.

Rev. John Turner, 22.

Rev. B. F. Lee, D. D., 22.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas, A. M., 1.

Rev. L. Gardner, 3.

Rev. James A. Handy, 14.

Rev. Tho. W. Stringer, M. D., 1.

Rev. J. M. Wilkerson, 10.

Rev. B. W. Arnett, R. D., 1

Rev. R. A. Johnson, 3.

Rev. J. C. Embry, 3.

Rev. J. H. Johnson, 1.

Rev. J. H. A. Johnson, 1.

Rev. R. Fasset, 1.

Bishop Payne, announced the above votes. Rev. H. M. Turner was therefore elected.

On the second ballot the whole number of votes cast was 194; necessary to a choice, 98.

Rev. W. F. Dickerson, D. D., received 111 votes.

Rev. R. H. Cain, 58.

Rev. W. A. Gaines, 43

The rest scattering. Rev. W. F. Dickerson was then declared elected.

On the third ballot the whole number of votes cast was 193; necessary to a choice, 97.

Rev. R. H. Cain, D. D., received 92 votes.

Rev. J. T. Jenifer, 33.

Rev. W. J. Gaines, 35.

No election.

Another ballot was then taken. The whole number of votes cast was 188; necessary to a choice 92, of which

Rev. R. H. Cain, D. D., received 112 votes.

Rev. J. T. Jenifer, 53.

Dr. Cain was therefore declared elected.

Conference then adjourned to meet on Monday at 8:30 a. m.

Benediction by Rt. Rev. J. P. Campbell.

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Thirteenth Day's Proceedings.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 8:45, Bishop Brown in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. William Bradwell, of Ala.

Opening hymn, 183:

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds
And drives away his fears.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary rest.

Dear name, the rock on which I build
My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my shepherd, husband, friend,
My prophet, priest and king;
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart
And cold my warmest thought,
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

He then offered the following

PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven; give us day by day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever.

We thank thee, our gracious, heavenly father, that our lives have been spared and that we are again permitted to live to see this morning's sun. We bless thy name for all the graces thou hast permitted us to enjoy, and for the privilege granted unto us of meeting in another General conference, where we can transact business for our church, and the advancement of the cause among our people. O! we ask thee, then, to be with us this day, and whether we are here from the East or the West, from the right or the left; let thy spirit be our guide and teacher. Oh! overshadow us with thy spirit, and may all we do be done and said under His divine influence. We feel this morning to love thee more and serve thee better. Pour out, oh! Lord God Almighty, thy spirit of peace upon these brethren; bind them together with that Christian spirit that shall never be broken, and grant that the day of Methodism will come when, in her every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Christ. Bless our various churches which we have left behind. Keep us all under the shadow of thine almighty wing. The Lord take care of every one of us all, and when we fall on earth transport us from the

church militant to the church triumphant above, and unto thy name shall be ascribed the praise forever and ever. Amen.

After prayer, by consent, the reading of the roll was dispensed with.

The Secretary (Mr. Arnett) was ordered to read the minutes of Saturday, and did so.

At the close of the reading of the minutes, Rev. T. G. Stewart said the secretary, in the minutes, simply said that on the election of bishops the Rev. H. M. Turner received the majority of votes on the first ballot. He did not say how many voted for him. The newspapers in reporting the number of votes cast did not report the correct number of votes cast for Rev. Turner. In a matter of such importance, the number of votes cast for him should be recorded in the minutes, as also that cast against him; posterity should see how many members of this conference voted against the election of a man whom they did not consider worthy of the position, notwithstanding the combination by which he was elected.

Rev. Silas Jefferson—none of that now, none of that (a general confusion here ensued, several members speaking at the same time).

Bishop Brown.—Rev. T. G. Stewart has a perfect right to his opinion and should not be deterred in any way from expressing it. I shall not tolerate any such conduct on the part of any member. If I have anything of the kind again I shall certainly enforce the rule.

Rev. W. C. Gains.—Elder Stewart has no right to assail the moral

character of Dr. Turner—his moral character is not above reproach and he has as much flaws on him as does Dr. Turner. The election—

Bishop Brown.—Brother Gains take your seat. Rev. Gains said he would not, and went on speaking, where upon Bishop Brown silenced him for the day.

The minutes were finally approved with the corrections asked by Rev. T. G. Stewart.

Rev. J. C. Embry then submitted the following unfinished chapter on finance:

APPROPRIATIONS TO CONFERENCES	
Fifth year to Apr. 24, 1877,	\$2,297 43
Sixth " 24,	5,539 65
Seventh year 24,	5,529 74
Eighth year 24,	5,169 20

Total,	\$18,635 03
Total received,	90,999 42
Total disbursed,	94,515 00

Balance, \$5,484 42

Having thus submitted the figures, I offer most respectfully the following suggestions:

1st—*a.* That the Dollar System and Church Treasury be continued as a permanent institution of the church.

b. That the Board of Managers be composed of seven members instead of thirteen as now. Namely, four itinerant Elders, the Secretary of Finance and two laymen, and the bishops be authorized to designate one of their number annually to preside at the annual meetings.

c. That the Secretary of Finance be appointed as now, by a majority of the bishops, and the members elected during the session, by the General conference.

2d—*a.* That the Secretary be authorized to prepare immediately blank forms for returns from the Annual conference, to be certified by the presiding officer and the Conference Secretary.

b. That the fiscal year begin on the 1st of June and end on the 30th of May in each year.

c. That the Board of Finance be

required to make appropriations in full for such fiscal year, covering all claims allowed by law, and to cause the same to be printed and a copy to be forwarded to each conference.

d. That it be made an offense punishable by impeachment and suspension for any one whomsoever to appropriate or use one dollar of the fund not authorized by appropriation of the board.

3d.—*a.* That the annual meeting of the board be convened on the 30th of May (Sundays excepted) in each year; and that at the close of each meeting, the place of each meeting for the next year be fixed, and published with the list of appropriations.

b. That the secretary be allowed, with the approval of the board, to locate his office for the quadrennial term wherever it may be convenient, healthful and cheap.

c. That he be allowed \$1,650 per annum, and be required to furnish his own office (which should in no case be his residence at the time), and all expenses of the same, excepting books, postage and exchange.

All of which I humbly submit with prayer for all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, and with heart-felt thanks to all the bishops and brethren who have given me counsel, confidence and support during the short period of my service.

J. C. EMBRY.

At the close of the reading Rev. W. J. Gains moved that the Financial Secretary's report be received, except that portion in which he made a recommendation.

Rev. —. Did I understand you to say that the bishops shall make known their accounts, and that the Financial Secretary shall pay the salary of the bishops?

The Secretary. I did not say that the secretary shall pay the salary of the bishops; but that he shall pay their salaries after their respective accounts shall have been approved by the Financial board.

Rev. H. M. Foley moved that, in view of the importance of the recom-

mendations of the Financial secretary, three hundred copies of the recommendations be printed and made a special order of the day on Wednesday.

Rev. T. H. Jackson moved in amendment that the report, after being printed be referred to the committee of ways and means, with instructions to consider the matter and report to the conference on Wednesday with such amendments as they see fit, and that the recommendations be made a special order of the day for Wednesday.

Bishop Payne, who now took the chair, put the question: As many as are in favor of having 300 copies printed of the Financial Secretary's recommendation for Wednesday, stand on your feet."

The motion was lost.

A motion was made that the secretary's report and recommendation be published in the daily CHRISTIAN RECORDER." Carried.

Rev. T. H. Jackson moved that all the bills and suggestions on finance, or resolutions, or reports be published in the daily CHRISTIAN RECORDER.

Rev. E. P. Holmes moved that Brother Jackson's motion be laid on the table. Carried

Bishop Payne said: It is customary for the General Conference to remain in session three weeks. Two weeks have already passed and the conference has touched nothing of importance pertaining to the general welfare of the church. The whole time has been consumed in "points of order" and "amendments." He hoped this thing will be stopped and business be attended to.

Rev. A. M. Foley then submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, The brethren have proposed many amendments and resolutions in the charge of the machinery and government of our church, the same being now in the hands of the several committees; and

Whereas, That the brethren may have a just knowledge of what has

been engrafted as law, and to hasten the publication of the new Book of Discipline after the adjournment of the body; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this most eminent body that the proposed legislations now now in the hands of the several committees be reported to this conference at the earliest possible day, that it may be passed upon; and the same be engrossed for publication. Carried.

The Rev. B. F. Lee, D. D., then submitted the Report on Education. (See Report).

It was moved that the report be received and submitted to the Committee on Education. Carried.

The Quadrennial Report of the Secretary of Wilberforce University was next submitted and read by the Reading Clerk, to-wit:

The Second Quadrennial Report of the Secretary of Wilberforce University to the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church:

STATISTICS.

No. of students enrolled—

Male	454
Female	204

Total 658

Professors and teachers—

Male	6
Female	3

Total 9

States represented—

Massachusetts,	South Carolina,
Kentucky,	Rhode Island,
Georgia,	Ohio,
New York,	Alabama,
Indiana,	Pennsylvania,
Florida,	Michigan,
Maryland,	Mississippi,
Wisconsin,	Dist. Columbia,
Louisiana,	Illinois,
Delaware,	Texas,
Iowa,	Virginia,
Arkansas,	Kansas,
North Carolina,	Missouri,
Dakota Ter.—27.	

The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Secretary of Wilber-

force University, to the Board of Trustees, assembled June 13, 1876—

DR.	
To cash received from	
Rev. J. W. Burley,	
Treas.	\$3,000 00
Executors of Rev. Chas.	
Avery	300 00
Centennial collection	800 52
Freedmen's Society,	
Cleveland, O.	112 00
Tuition	1,345 50
Dormitories	383 67
Educational meeting,	
Pittsburgh Con.	24 15
Educational meeting	
Ohio Conference	26 50
Dollar money	65 28
Int. on endowment	
note	41 96
Donations and sub-	
scriptions	346 87
Rent of cottages	130 00
Miscellaneous sources	1,228 91
Total receipts for the	
year June 13, 1876	\$7,805 36
Balance in bank June	
15th, 185	340 38
	\$8,145 74

CR.

By salaries [See Vouch-	
ers]	\$2,533 52
Building and repairs	1,632 77
Notes payable	1,926 86
Insurance	200 00
Interest on the Powers'	
fund	108 00
Incidentals	1,346 69
Total expenditures for	
year ending June 13,	
1879,	\$7,747 84
Cash in bank, June 13,	
1876	397 90
	\$8,145 74

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Secretary of Wilberforce University, to the Board of Trustees, assembled June 19, 1877—

DR.	
To cash from executors	
of Chief Justice Chase	\$10,000 00

The Sixteenth Annual Report of

Rev. J. H. Burley,	
Treasurer,	100 00
Executors of Rev. Chas.	
Avery	600 00
Donations and sub-	
scriptions	388 58
Tuition	1,080 68
Dormitories	345 45
Rent of cottages	143 47
Miscellaneous sources	1,099 48
Balance in Bank, June	
13, 1876,	397 90
	\$14,155 56
CR.	
By salaries [See Vouch-	
ers]	\$8,049 11
Building	187 75
Notes payable	435 74
Grounds	175 17
Insurance	200 00
Powers' Fund	239 12
Purchase of cottage	300 00
Incidentals	696 59
Printing, &c.,	110 70
Hardware, &c.,	4 85
Balance cash in bank,	
June 19, 1877,	3,456 53
	\$14,155 56

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Secretary of Wilberforce University, to the Board of Trustees, assembled June 18, 1878—

DR.	
To cash from executor	
of Rev. Chas. Avery	\$10 000 00
A Bequest	100 00
Tuition	1,506 09
Dormitories	428 40
Donations and subscrip-	
tions	1,331 03
Rent from cottages	21 00
Miscellaneous sources	1,042 63
Balance in bank, June	
19, 1877,	3,456 53
	\$17,885 68

The Sixteenth Annual Report of

CR.	
By salaries [See Vouch-	
ers]	\$3,992 77
Building	1,091 90
Grounds and cottages	764 04
Insurance, 3 yrs.	300 00
Incidentals	798 02
Miscellaneous	627 25
In Band, securities for	
Avery Fund	10,000 00
In bank, Rust Bond	100 00
" Cash	211 70
	\$17,885 68

The Sixteenth Annual Report of

the Secretary of Wilberforce University, to the Board of Trustees, assembled June 17, 1879—	DR.	Printing 87 00
To cash from Rev. J. C. Embry, Treasurer, Interest on the Avery Fund	\$ 300 00	Fire Escape 92 58
Int. on the Rust Fund	800 00	Lectures by Faculty of Antioch College 100 00
Tuition	1,580 47	Bill of coal, lumber, hardware and furniture, 306 31
Dormitories	442 60	Bal. in bank, note secured by 1st mortgage, 10,000 00
Donations and subscriptions	688 61	Bal. in bank, Rust bond 100 00
Rent of cottages	55 00	" " Cash 135 63
Miscellaneous	1,069 69	
Bal. in Bank June 18, 1878, Avery securities	10,000 00	<i>Recapitulation.</i>
Bal. in bank June 18, 1878, Rust Bond	100 00	Total receipts for the four years to date \$46,711 65
Bal. in bank June 18, 1878, cash,	211 70	Total Disbursements 36,476 02
	\$15,256 07	Balance in bank \$10,235 63
CR.		ASSETS.
By salaries [See Vouchers]	\$3,277 02	College property \$35,000 00
Furnishing building	426 15	Avery Fund 10,000 00
Building and grounds	112 48	Rust Bond 100 00
Incidentals	536 39	Horse, wagon and farming utensils 200 00
Miscellaneous	790 85	Cash in Bank 135 63
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" " Cash 13 18		Due on salaries \$ 1,212 44
	\$15,256 07	Notes and interest 4,575 66
Report of the Secretary for the nine months, from June 17, 1879, to April 1, 1880—	DR.	Total liabilities 5,588 10
To interest on Avery Fund	\$ 800 00	Assets exceeding liabilities \$39,647 53
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DR.		Fire Escape	92 58
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\$ 300 00		Bill of coal, lumber, hardware and furniture,	306 31
800 00		Bal. in bank, note secured by 1st mortgage,	10,000 00
Int. on the Rust Fund		8 00	
Tuition		1,580 47	
Dormitories		442 60	
Donations and subscriptions		688 61	
Rent of cottages		55 00	
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Rev. J. C. Embury then submitted resolution towards union of A. M. E. and A. M. E. Zion churches. Referred.

Rev. J. M. Townsend finished reading his report.

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Whereas, It has been the practice of some delegates to the General Conference to leave for home as soon as their special aspirations are disappointed, without permission, and before the business of the conference is half finished; therefore,

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Announcement of evening service. Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. C. S. Bradwell.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To the Bishops and General Conference of the A. M. E. Church:

Most Reverend Fathers and Beloved Brethren: The Committee to whom you have entrusted the preparation and presentation of a report on Education, would most respectfully submit that during this, the Seventeenth Session of our General Conference, no subject demands more careful, patient and thorough consideration than the one entrusted to them. For it will rest upon the wisdom of our legislation on this subject as to whether the coming generations of our Church, the children of the future, will rise up and call us blessed, or will, in bitterness of soul, execrate the memory of our unwise movements in this direction.

Happily for us, the duty of press-

ing home the necessity of Education upon the attention of this General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, no longer exists—that much is conceded:

THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

is seen in the undisputed fact that nations of the earth are vying with each other as to which shall present the broadest culture and the grander facilities for popular and special education.

Education, as a system, may be traced back to the palmy days of Egypt and Persia; India and China also claiming, on good grounds we think, the right to an early historic mention. Scarcely before this, however, did anything exist which might be called in any sense Systematic Education.

But long before the thought had taken shape, or put on form, the school resided in the family. The *pater familias* was not only the priest at the family altar, but was the school-master at the home fireside; even back of that, when God walked with Adam in the cool of the day, who shall say that it meant not Divine instruction as well as Divine companionship; and then all up and through the ages of the world we have light and wisdom struggling to assist themselves against the powers of darkness and ignorance. The war is still on us—for the ranks of the opposing forces, though broken and scattered, are ever and anon re-forming, and in some new form reappearing to do battle against the righteousness of the cause of Education.

EDUCATION IN EARLY METHODISM.

Perhaps nothing is so poorly understood to-day, in our economy, as is the matter as to whether the introduction of systematic thought and conduct in preaching and in worshiping are innovations upon the established laws and customs of our earliest Methodism.

Certainly many understand, or affect to understand, that ignorance was the natural corollary of our

younger Methodism. As answering this absurdity, we have only to point to Rev. John Wesley, A.M., himself, the scholar among scholars, educated highly, his magnificent intellect being trained to a more than ordinary degree. Indeed Methodism was born and cradled in the schools, for it was while Mr. Wesley was a student in Christ College, Oxford, and subsequently a divinity student and tutor at Lincoln College, that the "strange warmth" in his heart led him to communicate the heaven-blessed experience to those around him, and thus was sown the earliest seed of our primal Methodism. He used the prayer book in his church services, and the founder of the new sect, he was till death jealous and suspicious of the encroachment of erudition in the services of the sanctuary; if he was the chief apostle of Methodism, he was also the foremost advocate of decorous and orderly Methodism; even to-day, from the statistics of the British Wesleyan Church, we glean the encouraging information that the direct successors of Mr. Wesley are still representing his ideal in Methodism by insisting upon a culture in her ministers commensurate with the high importance of the mission committed to their care. Methodism and ignorance are not married, and if they were, the day has fully come to grant a decree of eternal divorce.

EDUCATION IN AFRICAN METHODISM

is constantly and grandly on the increase. Of course we should speak modestly of our own achievements in this direction, and yet your committee feels that it can do no less than congratulate the Church upon her advanced position in educational work. No other independent Church of the race we most largely represent undertakes to compete with us in this our chosen battle-field in the conflict against ignorance and sin—for it is here, on the ground of Christian education, that we shall make our final stand; here shall we entrench our forces; here erect our loftiest stand-

ard, and here shall we ultimately achieve our grandest, our most glorious victories.

During the Quadrennium now closing we have been less diffusive in our educational efforts, then we were during the one preceding, but our work has been more concentrated and hence more effective.

Wilberforce University in Ohio, and Payne Institute in South Carolina, both our own beloved and fondly cherished institutions, have most engaged our thoughts and efforts, as will be seen in the subsequent parts of our report, and we would simply refer the General Conference to the reports from each institution to gain the larger information concerning their work and usefulness.

OUR BUREAU OF EDUCATION

created at the last session of our General Conference, has done something—enough we think to demonstrate the utility and absolute massity of having some head center to our scholastic work, concerning which you are fully informed in the Commissioners report. We have also given due consideration to the notes on education in our Bishops Quadrennial report as will appear in our subjoined recommendations.

Your committee takes pleasure in calling attention to the fact that despite our disadvantages and many positive discouragements we find our church, in the persons of her ministers and laymen, already sending forth to the world the humble beginnings of an original literature. The Horoscope of the future discloses to our view the coming church of our race. A church enlightened and refined—a church built upon a pure, a broad and solid foundation of Christian culture, resting upon the Holy Bible, having the God-man Christ of Bethlehem and Calvary for its chief corner stone; and that church in the occident as well as in the orient will wear a dark hue and her name will be African Methodist Episcopal.

For, those who are humble enough

to bend the ear to the ground of truth may even now hear the tramp of the advance guard of the coming legions who are boldly marching against the citadel of ignorance and sin.

Among those who have already contributed, or have now manuscript contributions, to our literature are:

Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D., LL. D. "Semi centenary and retrospection of African Methodism," also "The History of the African Methodist Episcopal Church."

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Rev. B. T. Tanner, D. D., "The origin of the Negro, and is the Negro Cursed" also "An Apology for African Methodism," also "The African-American and his Church."

Rev. J. H. A. Jonson, D. D., Concilio ad Clerum."

Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., LL. D. "Turner's Catechism."

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Rev. Jacob H. Cole, A. M., "A Converted Church."

Rev. Prof. James Porter, "Grammar self taught."

Rev. Thos. H. Jackson, D. D., "A work on Theology," also "A volume of Sermons."

Rev. I. H. Welch, B. D., "What is this or something to Read."

Rev. M. T. Weir, "A Work on Christian Baptism."

Rev. I. N. Fitzpatrick, "Our Progressive Church."

Rev. R. H. Cain, D. D., Proprietor and Editor of "The Missionary Record."

Rev. J. T. Jenifer, D. D., "On Baptism," also "Why am I an African Methodist" also "The Itinerary."

Rev. Jos. L. Thompson, A. M. "Education."

Major Martin R. Delaney, M. D. "Explorations in Africa," also "Origin of Races."

Rev. Wm. H. Hunter, A. M., Pro-

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Rev. W. J. Gaines, "Light for the Heathen."

Rev. T. W. Henderson, Proprietor of "The Colored Radical," also "The Colored Citizen,"

Rev. T. G. Steward, "My first four years in the Itinerary," also "African Methodism in Hayti" also "Memoirs of Mrs. Rebecca Steward" also "The God—Idea Analyzed."

Rev. Jas. W. Randolph, "A Choir Note Book," "A Sabbath School Songster."

Mrs. Charles W. Mossell, an original Musical Composition dedicated to General Luperon of Hayti.

Rev. B. W. Arnett, B. D., "The Memorial Sermon on Bishop Queen" also "Semi Centenary of Methodism in Cincinnati, Ohio," also "The Centennial Sermon and Statistics of Urbana Ohio," also "The light along the Jordan," also "Fifty years of Methodism in Columbus, Ohio," also "The History of the Ohio Annual Conference, or fifty years in the Western field," also "The Life of Solomon H. Thompson and his fellow laborers," also "The Footprints of the Missionary for Eighteen Centuries."

Rev. R. A. Johnson, a collection of Sermons to be known as "The Specimen Sheaves of the West."

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It is to Wilberforce University and to the other institutions of learning of the Connection, to which we are to look for a broadly-cultured,

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By the manner in which we manage and sustain our schools of learning, will it be seen whether we shall be able to maintain our existence as a leading denomination and to take a place as a Church among the foremost educators of the races.

Hence to permit Wilberforce, the first and chief educational center of the Connection, to fail for the want of necessary apparatus and sufficient endowment, either from indifference or by attempt to be too defusive in our educational efforts, would not only be unwise, but also give too much encouragement to the suspicion that "Ham can never be a success in efforts for the higher education of the race."

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Among numerous evidences of this we will notice in particular the Scientific Department and the Museum.

A necessity long felt by the institution has been, through the untiring efforts of our senior Bishop, partly supplied, i. e., a Museum of Natural Science.

Some time during the last year a generous offer was made by Mr. H. A. Ward, to sell the University a Museum, valued at \$2200, for \$1400, having in it four complete apartments, namely: Geological cabinet, Mineralogical cabinet, Botanical cabinet, Zoological cabinet, each containing every specimen for a student to study, and so classified that, commencing at the lowest form of life, you ascend through all the scales of animal life till you come up to man.

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It will also be noticed that there is a fine lecture room fitted up with proper furniture, on the same floor adjoining the museum.

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OTHER NECESSITIES.

There are other things necessary to raise this institution to the grade of a first class college, for the want of which we are not only failing to bring to our school advanced scholarship among the youth to be trained, but we shall fail to retain those we already have if these requisites are not furnished.

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(a) First Class Naturalist, or, a Professor, whose exclusive duties shall be to teach the department of Natural science.

(b) There is a need of two Microscopes of different powers, costing \$75. and \$150 respectively.

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other appropriate apparatus.

(e) An Art department or, department of drawing with a Professor capable of giving instructions in each branch of this department.

It cannot be denied that the present corps of teachers are able and efficient, and that there has been a steady growth and development, but the present teachers are being overworked and poorly paid.

Hence we need an additional Professor in the Theological department to assist President Lee.

Nothing less than six competent Professors can bring a school up to the grade of first class college.

These requisites Wilberforce must have together with an ample endowment of \$150,000 to make her efficient as a University and her perpetuity sure.

We therefore commend to your most careful consideration the statement of the wants of this University made by President Lee in his respect.

PAYNE UNIVERSITY,

which is now located at Cokesbury, Abbeville Co., S. C., is in active operation, but, as will be seen from the report of the Trustees, is in great need of funds to prosecute its work and insure its future usefulness.

After a careful consideration and inquiry, it is the opinion of your Committee that the offer made to us by Mr. Oliver, through Rev. George Bryant, of Spartansburg, S. C., is a most excellent opportunity to secure a most valuable property to our Connection. It is a section of country which is rapidly increasing in population and wealth, and a large increase of our people, who are seeking educational facilities; no place is better adapted for this work than this; the net cost will be about \$12,000, with favorable conditions.

Therefore your Committee will number among its recommendations the purchase of said property.

(To be continued.)

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QUADRENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESIDENT OF

Wilberforce University

TO THE

Seventeenth session of the
the General Conference
of the African Meth-
odist Episcopal

Church, in Session, St.
Louis, Missouri.

To the Bishops and Members:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—
With thanks to Almighty God, I am permitted to assure you that our work is active and progressive.

The present session of your honorable body, constitutes the fifth instance in which you have had the duty and pleasure of considering the work of our University, and the grand subject of higher education.

In the seventeen years of our ownership and control of the University, it has made a record worthy of our respect, and which would be creditable to a Church of wider experience and greater wealth.

Many other institutions have been compelled to suspend during that time, but Wilberforce has not ceased its regular activity for a day. Through the flames, through the great finan-

cial crisis, through the seventeen years of experiment, the University has passed triumphantly, taking higher ground at each succeeding step, until it has acquired a reputation warranting the historian of Green county in pronouncing it "the second educational luminary of the county," notwithstanding the existence of two other colleges and one Theological Seminary within six miles of it.

The purchase and support of this institution are the grand work of our Church. It is a work which remains to be appreciated much more fully in the future than at the present.

Too high an estimate cannot be placed upon the wisdom that guided Bishop Payne and his noble associates in purchasing Wilberforce University. A man of less confidence in humanity than Bishop Payne would never have made the purchase; while one of less confidence in Divinity could never have stood at its head in such perilous times and secured its success. The reward of all the far-sighted and patient men who have contributed to its great accomplishments will be, an educated, sanctified laity and ministry in the A. M. E. Church. The resignation of President Payne, and the appointment of one of our Alumni as his successor, in 1876, in a sense placed our institution on trial the second time.

The prestige which the name of D. A. Payne gave an institution of learning precluded the possibility of its success, but an equal confidence could not be imposed in any other man among us until tried. Yet, our noble people, who have acquired what education they possess by as many ways as any other race, were willing to continue the support of the University. Many of our most eminent men, laymen, ministers and Bishops, demonstrated their determination that the struggle to educate the race should continue. Bishop Payne's energetic labors in the interest of

Wilberforce University seem to have become more emphatic, if possible, than when he was its President. His colleagues have not slackened their assistance.

I accepted the honors and responsibilities of the office as a servant of the Church and the people, with a high appreciation of the influence which the University should exert, and a keen sense of the care and pains that must be taken to have that influence of the right character, recognizing in the position a field rich in opportunity to benefit humanity and to glorify God.

I take the greatest pleasure in submitting to your honored body, that gave me so hearty a nomination in 1876, the following statistic and other data by which you can form your opinion of the work which we have done.

ENROLLMENT.

The sum of our annual enrollment for the quadrennium, is.....	606
The average enrollment.....	151 1/4
The smallest.....	151
The largest.....	155
Number of persons enrolled.....	326
" males.....	207
" females.....	119
" persons enrolled during each of the 4 years.....	38
Number of persons enrolled during each of the 3 years.....	43
Number of persons enrolled during each of the 2 years.....	80
Number of persons enrolled during the 1st year.....	165
Let it be noted however, that many of those who have remained but one, two or three years will still continue.	

GRADUATES.

From the several Departments we have graduated the following numbers:	
From the Normal Department.....	5
" " Scientific ".....	5
" " Theological ".....	4
" " Classical ".....	2
Total.....	16

Entire number of graduates in the history of the University..... 45

The above figures include the class of the present year.

STATE REPRESENTATION.

Our 326 students have come from twenty-seven States and Territories, as follows, viz:

Alabama.....	4
Arkansas.....	2
District of Columbia.....	9
Florida.....	2
Georgia.....	4
Indiana.....	16
Illinois.....	1
Montana.....	1
Michigan.....	1
Nevada.....	1
New York.....	8
Ohio.....	164
Pennsylvania.....	23
Rhode Island.....	4
Iowa.....	1
Kansas.....	5
Kentucky.....	39
Louisiana.....	3
Maryland.....	9
Mississippi.....	5
Massachusetts.....	4
South Carolina.....	3
Tennessee.....	5
Texas.....	12
Virginia.....	1
West Virginia.....	1
Wisconsin.....	1

DEPARTMENTS.

Excluding the Normal and Theological Departments from the list of *Professional Departments*, we have not accomplished much in those (professional) branches of our University.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

This Department was organized several years ago, but had accomplished nothing when it was eliminated. It is my advice that it be reorganized at the earliest date possible, for no class of educated men is in greater demand among us, excepting ministers, than physicians of a high order.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

This Department has not shared the fate of the Medical Department, but for all the practical good that it has accomplished, it might almost as well have been eliminated from the list. It has, however, this advantage over the Medical Department, that it has connected with it the names of two of the more respected lawyers of Ohio. Prof. John Little, formerly Attorney General of the State, is one of the most popular men. These Professors are prepared to give attention to students of law, on condition that the recitations be at their law offices, and at such times as they are not otherwise engaged. The Department will never assume a vigorous movement

until it has an especial resident Professor or Dean.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

In 1873 this Department was organized with Miss Mary E. McBride, of Oswego Normal Institute, N. Y., as its Principal, this lady was succeeded by Miss Ella J. Green, of our first Normal class, in 1874. She resigned in 1876, and the department remained dormant one year. In 1877 Mrs. S. C. Bierce, of Oswego Normal Institute, N. Y., was appointed Principal. Under her management the Department has acquired considerable character. This branch of our work is among the most essential, for whether the United States will continue their unphilosophical and inconsistent classification of Public Schools as white, mixed, and colored schools; or, will simply have one term—Public Schools—for all; the successful development of our race depends largely upon our having thoroughly educated colored teachers to labor by the side of white teachers.

Remember, that the race that does all the teaching is ever dominant, and so long as it continues to be the exclusive teaching-race must forever remain dominant.

Since education will always be as it always has been, propagated by religious bodies, the church organization that neglects the gifts within it, and the opportunities around it, cannot expect to retain long an honored place among the churches. If we would enhance intellectual culture, christianize and indoctrinate the present and future generations, we must acquire, and instruct in, the best methods of gaining and imparting knowledge.

This department is seriously affected by the following facts:

First. *The want of room.* No school, nor department of school, can develop properly so long as it is circumscribed in respect to room. We need quite twice as much room as we have for the present attendance in the Practice School. Besides this, the fact we ought to have the patronage of all the children of the schools of our district would make it necessary to have about four times our present accommodations. Nor can we claim those children until we have the room.

The authorities of the Public

Schools have not yet a sufficient confidence in the educative ability of colored men to turn the children and funds of the free schools over to us, but their confidence may be won. It is our duty to prepare, to receive the children. The Rev. Clark Kendall, D. D., a Presbyterian minister, a white man of our vicinity, sends his son to our Practice School, on the ground that the influences there are better than those of the white public school.

Secondly, An increased number of Professors is necessary, that the Principal may attend more exclusively to the Normal work.

Thirdly, The limited preparation which many who enter the Department have had.

Notwithstanding these retarding influences, the graduates of this department have won a good reputation wherever they have labored. Two are engaged in the public schools of Columbus, O., three in those of St. Louis, and others in different towns and cities.

SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT.

It is generally conceded by educators that this Department is equal to the Collegiate or Classical Department. Some think it superior.

We have been unfortunate in not having the chair of the Natural Sciences filled. A Scientific Department cannot be successful until this desideratum is supplied. We have members of the Faculty who teach the natural sciences, and teach them well, but they have already as much work as they can do in the respective departments in which they are called to labor especially.

The museum recently added to our facilities is an extensive aid to the teachers in this Department.

In a university, no department can succeed well without a particular representative.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

President Payne organized this Department in 1865. In 1870 he called Prof. T. A. Jackson, B. D., of the class of 1870, the first class of Wilberforce, to his assistance. Prof. Jackson resigned in 1873, and was succeeded by B. F. Lee, of the class of 1872. From 1874, the time of the resignation of B. F. Lee, the theological instruction has devolved upon the President of the University.

MUSEUM.

Heretofore we have published in our Catalogue a very small collection in Natural History. This year we advertise a Museum valued at two thousand dollars (\$2000). This is the result of the almost indefatigable labors of Bp. Payne, by whose solicitations the money has been obtained with which to meet the payments up to this date. We have also received specimens from Lieutenant Flipper of the U. S. army, and others. You can get a correct notion of this element of the University only by seeing it.

ART ROOM.

This room has also been furnished by answers to the appeals of Bishop Payne, Mr. Ware of the Unitarian Church having been the chief contributor.

MUSIC ROOM.

This room has been nicely furnished by Bethel Church, Philadelphia, and a very good piano has been placed in it by the University.

LIBRARY.

We receive additions to our Library annually. This year we have received a hundred volumes from a library association of Hillsborough, Ohio, and about as many more from the Hon. Geo. W. Williams, Representative from Hamilton Co., besides several other volumes. We now have between 4000 and 5000 volumes in our Library.

FIRE ESCAPES.

We have for long time seen the necessity of providing a way of escape from the main building in case of a sudden outbreak of fire.

In the past year we have succeeded in erecting practical and substantial iron stairways on the outside of the building, at the hall windows at each end. In the case of fire the building could be vacated in from five to ten minutes.

FURNITURE.

We have also replaced the old and rough furniture by first class modern school furniture at an expense of six hundred dollars (\$600).

OUR WANTS.

1. REPAIRING.

It would require at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to make the necessary repairs to our buildings. The cottage buildings cannot

What I have said with reference to the necessity of a Professor of Natural Sciences is intensified with reference to the Theological Department. If we expect to make this Department what it should be, we must provide for a Professor's support, that it may be more thoroughly equipped.

A Methodist University with a Theological Department, and but two Methodist persons in the Faculty, is hardly the surest way to secure a deeper love and fuller appreciation of the doctrines of Christianity as taught by the Methodists.

We must provide to have at least as many Methodists as non-Methodists in the Faculty.

CLASSICAL DEPARTMENT.

There are many who still contend that the classics constitute the richest soil for the cultivation of the brain. This Department has suffered some from the organization of the Normal and Scientific Departments, which are shorter. Many prefer taking a diploma in the shortest time possible, to continuing in course longer that they may learn the more.

As our pupils will come more extensively from the high schools of the cities hereafter, than they have done, and earlier in life, this Department will become fuller and more influential. At present it has but one class above the Academic Department, viz: the Junior class. But that Junior class will compare favorably with that of any college.

FACULTY.

When I entered upon the duties of my present office, I found the same corps of Professors remaining, that had been associated with my predecessor. In a few months, however, Miss Lenore Congdon, of Oberlin, Lady Principal, resigned in order to perfect herself in some especial studies, first at Cornell University, N. Y., then at Berlin Prussia. She was succeeded by Mrs. A. M. Adams, of Mount Holyoke Seminary. She had acted as Matron and Lady Principal in our school some years previous. Mrs. Adams is a remarkable woman and a good instructor. She teaches principally in the sub-Academic and Academic Departments.

At the close of my first year, Prof. W. B. Adams, A. M., of Amherst, who had filled the chair of the Classics and Mathematics over eight

years, resigned. I could hardly speak in terms of respect too high to express the worth of Prof. Adams to the Institution.

Prof. J. P. Shorter, A. B., of our own University, class of 1871, still remains. He has become a sort of fixture, at least a temporary one. Many of the members of this Conference know something of his ability.

In the two years previous to the first of this quadrennium he had been Associate Professor of Classics and Mathematics with Prof. Adams, but in 1876 preferred to contract to the Mathematics alone. In the chair he has proved a successful teacher and an excellent governor.

Prof. W. S. Scarborough, A. M., of Oberlin, succeeded Prof. W. B. Adams as Professor of the Classics. In connection with the labors of Prof. Shorter, he is laboring earnestly and effectually to make that Department excellent. Prof. Scarborough is as perfectly at home in the Classics as Prof. Shorter is in the Mathematics.

I have mentioned the name of Mrs. S. C. Bierce above. She is a lady of high accomplishment, well acquainted with the subject of Natural Science and a fine instructress in all the subjects which she undertakes. She cannot make the Normal Department what she would on account of reasons already mentioned.

The Law Professors, non-resident at the University, are all able instructors.

Miss Gussie E. Clark, teacher of Instrumental Music, is a young lady of a high degree of musical genius and accomplishment, as well as aptitude to teach.

The greater part of our resident members of the Faculty are comparatively young, and will very probably develop, in the next decade, to such an extent as to give to the University much strength and character.

FACILITIES.

In the past four years our ability to accomplish the work of a University has been greatly increased.

READING ROOMS.

We had previously had a Reading Room but poorly supplied with literature. Now we have two well furnished, one for each sex.

be used another year without these repairs. They must be promptly attended to in the approaching summer.

2. MORE ROOM.

We are embarrassed on every hand by the smallness and limited number of rooms. Dormitories to accommodate one hundred and fifty or two hundred students, and six recitation halls are needed at once. The fact is, we ought to have another building as commodious as the present one. *We ought to have it this year.*

Our annual number of students is as great as we can accommodate well. It is useless to advertise for more students until we get more room. Give us more room and we will double our number of students in one year. I have already assured you of the probability of our gaining control of the Free School fund due to the colored schools of the neighborhood, when we shall become prepared for them.

APPARATUS.

There should be at least one thousand dollars' worth of apparatus for the demonstration of principles and laws in Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, at once. The curriculum of the Institution cannot be fully given without apparatus.

MATRON.

We cannot much longer retain the confidence of parents and guardians of children without a Matron, to oversee the girls and young ladies entrusted to us.

You will observe that I recommend an addition to our Faculty, of two Professors: one for the Scientific Department and one for the Theological; a Matron, a thousand dollars' worth of apparatus, and a new building.

When I say all of these things ought to be attended to at once, I do not exaggerate. The supplying of these requisites would enhance the interests of our college more than one hundred per cent. in the first year, and at the same ratio in succeeding years.

Need I say that we want money after what I have said?

Need I add that the money must come principally from our own Church? The rule of action on the

part of men of wealth towards institutions of learning, is to aid first their own. If we are wealthy we must help ourselves; since we are poor we must help ourselves.

The earlier our Church recognizes the necessity of placing the University upon a firm basis, the sooner we shall have our educational powers and tendencies organized and active.

You will see from the report of our Secretary that our annual income is much less than our expenses, now. If we increase the number of Professors we shall increase the annual indebtedness, unless we make provision for the support of the institution. No University can be supported by its revenues from tuitions and room-rents.

May I not suggest that it would be wise for this General Conference to place Wilberforce University in a close relationship to all other interests of the Church which are supported wholly or in part from the funds of the Church? We agreed at the last session of the General Conference to pay to the University \$2,500 per year, when the state of the Treasury would warrant it. We have not received the fourth of it, because the state of the treasury did not "warrant our doing so." To deal thus with the cause of education is to make that most uncertain which should be surest.

Brethren, I am convinced of the positive necessity of arranging to give a certain amount of money from our general treasury to the cause of education at Wilberforce University in monthly or quarterly installments.

We should also create a building fund for the purpose of increasing our capability to satisfy the growing and already large demand made upon us.

The establishment of a regular and definite support will obviate the necessity of the Trustees meeting every year to appoint agents who cannot succeed. They cannot succeed because they have not the authority to draw upon the people in the only successful way to reach the masses of our people, in public assemblies, and because the majority of churches find their local interests greater than our general interests. So arrange our finances that of every dollar in the treasury a part, though ever so small, belongs to the work of education at the University, until a stipulated sum be reached annually. I

cannot doubt that all the wants of the Church will be quite as well supplied as they would were this not done.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

There are few more imperative demands made upon us, than that of the establishment of Scholarships. We have, within the present quadrennium, established two, but we must secure within the present quadrennium fifty.

We turn over to other denominations some of our most brilliant and excellent talent, because we offer little aid to worthy but indigent students.

Brethren, be sure, this busy, active, world will be educated, and, as educational movements will ever be led by Christian bodies, those bodies that do the leading will be the bodies blessed. If colored men do not educate themselves, that is, if such bodies as ours fail to do their duty, other churches will educate colored persons and take them to themselves.

Catholicism will educate them; the Baptists will educate them; the Methodist E. Church will educate them; the Presbyterians will educate them, and the Congregationalists will educate them. These branches of Protestants are educating more than twelve thousand annually. I wish the number were multiplied by ten, and that product by ten again; but, brethren, may we not take a larger share of the work to ourselves and thus reap the greater reward?

Let us make Wilberforce a success, that we may the sooner extend our educational influences to other parts of our vast and glorious field with success. As to the location of this School for a grand centre of our educational work, no one who has seen it can have anything to object. Remote from the common haunts of vice, in a good community, healthy climate, and a central point with reference to parts of country inhabited by our people, how can it be excelled?

In conclusion, dear brethren, allow me to solicit your earnest and continuous prayers for guidance in our educational work.

Trusting that my labors during the quadrennium have not been in vain, I most pleasantly submit this report.

Very respectfully your Brother in the Gospel,

B. F. LEE.

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Fourteenth Day's Proceedings.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

Tuesday, May 18, 1880.

Conference met at 8:45 a. m., Bishop Campbell in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Bro. W. H. Banton, lay delegate from the Philadelphia conference. He read a portion of the 1st chapter of St. John's gospel. Hymn 285 was sung:

Happy the souls that first believed
To Jesus and each other cleaved;
Joined by the union from above,
In mystic fellowship of love.
Meek, simple followers of the Lamb,
They lived, and spake, and thought the same,
They joyfully conspired to raise
Their ceaseless sacrifice of praise.
Where shall I wander now to find
Their true successors left behind?
The faithful, whom I seek in vain
Are 'minished from the sons of men.

He then offered prayer for God's blessing on the General Conference.

By consent, the reading of the roll was dispensed with, and the Secretary ordered to read the minutes.

Whilst reading, Rev. C. O. H.

Thomas gave notice that he will move a reconsideration of the motion by which his resolution was laid on the table, on the ground that the nature of his resolution was not, nor could not be fully understood in the disorder in which the conference was in. At the conclusion of the reading of the minutes, Rev. A. A. Williams, of Arkansas conference, moved that the minutes stand approved. Carried. Conferences were called for bills.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Rev. Prince Gardner offered a resolution to amend the Discipline on page 93, making it the duty of the Quarterly conference to ask the following question: How much dollar money has been collected this quarter? Referred.

Elder C. L. Harris. A resolution prohibiting the use of tobacco. Referred.

Charles L. Harris also offered a resolution on the composition and meeting of the General Conference. Referred.

A resolution authorizing the conferences to license women as ministers. Referred.

That the bench of bishops shall cause a formula to prepare and publish in tract form, that it may be placed in the hands of all probationers, etc. Referred.

Bro. Sauls. A resolution on trustees of churches. Referred.

INDIAN CONFERENCE.

A resolution by Rev. D. Brown, that each church at large do all they can to send to any of the pastors of the Indian conference such books and

papers and money that they can spare. Referred.

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE.

Revs. J. W. Stevenson and R. Fausett offered a resolution to amend the management of the Missionary Society.

Rev. E. W. Stone. A resolution to amend Discipline, page 268, relative to the church debts. Referred to Committee on Revision.

A. A. Williams. Whereas, The bishops appointed Revs. R. A. Johnson, B. F. Lee and J. M. Mitchell to represent the A. M. E. church in Ecumenical Council at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 6; therefore,

Resolved, That they are hereby requested to report the action of said Council on to-morrow (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock.

Rev. J. J. Hubbard. Whereas, The General conference has agreed to elect three additional bishops, and has also "fixed" their residences, one to be in South Carolina, one in Mississippi, and the other in Texas; therefore,

Resolved, That the Episcopal districts where such bishops may reside, shall purchase or hire a suitable house and furnish it for said bishop; and should any district refuse to comply with this resolution, the bishop shall not be compelled to live in that district.

Rev. J. E. Hayne offered a resolution, to fine absentees the sum of \$5, unless they can furnish lawful excuses to the General Conference. Resolution was laid on the table.

Rev. J. W. Welch offered the following

ENACTMENTS ON FINANCE.

1. That each pastor shall recur an-

nually 3 1-3 per cent upon all sums of money exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150), collected for local or general purposes, per Discipline.

2. That the amount required to continue his subscription to the *Christian Recorder*, *Ladies' Magazine*, and his membership in the Annual Conference Missionary Society, shall be deducted from the aggregate per centage, if it is sufficient to meet the required demands.

3. That any church petitioning for the services of a pastor can secure such services upon the affixed conditions:

1. The petitioners must be distinguished for their loyalty and faithfulness to our church, and reliable citizens of the place in which the church is located.

2. Each petitioner, whether member, citizen or friend, shall set opposite his or her name 50 cents, to be reported to the Annual Conference for discretionary appropriation.

4. That any Sabbath-school forwarding the largest voluntary contributions annually to the Ladies' Parent Missionary Treasury, separate from the amount reported to the Annual Conference, shall be presented with a banner bearing the name and location of the school stamped upon it, by the Ladies' P. A. and F. S. School. The society must consult the school previous to such presentation upon the color and quality of the banner.

5. That the President elect of the Daughters of Conference shall become honorary members of the Ladies' P. M. S., upon the subsequent conditions:

1. The organization shall pay \$25 annually to the L. P. M. S.

2. The President of the D's of C. shall see that the annual amount appropriated is forwarded one week previous or subsequent to the anniversary of the organization sending it.

3d. The President of such organization shall inform the President of the L. P. M. S. of their installation one week subsequent to the occurrence of such an event.

4. The Presidents elect shall keep

their societies informed of the existence and work of the L. P. M. S. by correspondence or other means during their period of office.

6. That all moneys thus contributed shall be denominated the D. C. fund.

7. That all the Trustees of our churches shall receive, immediately after election, a printed certificate of election, indicating the name of church, pastor, location, time, mode of election, persons, and especially under what law elected, whether church or state.

8. That the Business Manager of the Publishing Department shall, upon application of a pastor, furnish, the required number of blank forms, provided the applicant accompany such application with 50 cents for each form collected from the Trustees elect or church; and all amounts arising from the sale of such blanks, minus printing expenses, shall be appropriated fractionally to educational purposes.

9. That it shall be the imperative duty of all parties entrusted with the receipt and disbursements of such moneys to publish quarterly the names of pastors, trustees, churches and locations from which it is sent.

10. That all amounts of money thus realized shall be appropriated, regardless of the amount specified per Discipline, for the maintenance or support of such an object, under the name of the Trustees Educational Fund.

11. That any itinerant minister of our church who may be discovered diminishing the membership of his church or churches, or in advising the same to be done to escape the imposition of a general taxation or any penal law enacted by the General Conference, shall be punished in any way his Annual Conference may determine. J. H. WELCH, Florida.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas here moved that the resolution which was offered by him and laid on the table be reconsidered on the grounds above stated. Lost.

Rev. S. Jefferson, of the Columbia

Conference, desired some light on the financial condition of the committee on Missions. He asked the corresponding secretary of P. H. and F. M. Society.

Rev. J. M. Townsend, the secretary, said: Once for all, I would state that I do not consider myself responsible for moneys which did not come into my hands. The moneys referred to by Rev. Mr. Jefferson were not paid over to me. The Columbia Conference ought to know to whom the money was paid and require them to give an account of it. He wants it understood, also, that if any money was not recorded it was not paid over to me.

Rev. A. Grant, of Texas, was granted a leave of absence for the session.

Rev. B. F. Lee, D. D., presented report of the Ecumenical Council convened at Cincinnati on the 6th inst. At the close of the report Rev. T. H. Jackson, of the Ohio Conference moved that the General Conference indorse the action of the delegates to the Ecumenical Council. Carried. (For Report see Supplement.)

Rt. Rev. D. A. Payne handed to the Reading Clerk a communication from the barbers relative to working on Sundays. Filed.

Rt. Rev. D. A. Payne, D. D., the Senior Bishop of the A. M. E. Church here introduced the fraternal delegates from the Wesleyan Conference, England. He said:

Dear brethren and members of the conference. It gives me great pleasure as the Senior Bishop of this church to welcome these brethren from England, from the Wesleyan Conference who have come to us, as delegates to our General Conference, they come from a body whose works have been crowned with abundant success by God. He then introduced the Rev. William F. MacDonald. The Conference rose.

The choir sang:

"Will Jesus find us watching."

ADDRESS OF REV. WM. A. McDONALD.

Rev. William Arthur MacDonald: My dear fathers and brethren, as has been said we come here in pursuance

of our appointment by our conference to visit you during our stay in the United States. For my own part I left England in very great doubt as to whether I should be able to come as far as this place, but now I find myself here, and I am very thankful for the privilege of meeting you. Bishop Payne has kindly said that the work of our church has been crowned with success in God's name, in that very name we too bid you God's speed. Now we make no pretense towards our good work, but we have done as much to advance this work of Christ among you as any one denomination of Christians, knowing that you were by no means an unworthy people. In a meeting of ragged school sympathizers in England, something was said with reference to ragged school children, it was asked by a spectator: "How do you raise money for the support of this school, you must be very rich." He was told that our labor is unpaid labor. And this has always been the case with Methodism, unpaid-labor work done by men women and children who lay out a great deal of money in support of a good cause, without any recompense, work done that nobody would ever think of requiring from them. That is all I have to say in answer to the complementary remarks made by your distinguished Bishop.

Brethren, I would say that we feel it an honor to represent that body that has sent us here amongst you (applause). When God calls a man to his service he endows him with a power of destiny. It is his will that every child of God should be able to love and serve him. I believe that once inside the door and without any great prospect of the future there spring up to such an one a friend in time of need. Now I know not where to point you to a place of rescue, but I know it will not depend upon your learning, it will not depend upon your organization, it will not depend upon your wealth or upon any of your external

propriety, but it will depend upon two things—your faith and your work, and the strength of which you will have through them that is invisible, through which strength you work for him. To-morrow will never be yesterday—to-day comes between them. Brethren there is a chapter in history the like of which will never return again. I allude to the chapter to which so many of the children of the African Methodist Church has been first led through the house of bondage and then led into the house of God. But you are not here merely to enjoy the advantages of this civilization, you are here to-day as the missionaries of Christ, as the messengers of the Gospel of Peace. The Lord has taken a strange way to bring about this great end sought for this end prayed for. It has been my lot brethren to visit Africa more than once, the land where the Kafirs, the Hottentots and the Zoolos revel in ignorance and barbarism. I have looked on the spot where the African slave hunters once trod, where this nefarious traffic existed, but no traces of slavery remain and I lifted up my head towards heaven and said—

"Jehovah hath triumph, this people are free"— (cries of amen, amen). So far as I know the age is so far advanced that the summit of mount Atlas seems to be upon the shores of the Ohio. The age does not move! You may let the world remain stationary, but the age still progresses. Everything that nature has done, has been done upon a more grander scale; there is a something deeper and higher than nature for man to accomplish; civilization will not do it. The missionaries to Africa found the war song, saw the Canibals feasting on their fellow men, but by the grace of God they were made to feel the power of God unto Salvation. Africa wants the gospel now I tell you, and whatever work you have to do remember there is a work of regenerating in your fatherland—Africa. I have seen Joseph Wright and Livingstone

and others in their endeavors to do for Africa what religion has done for other lands. I have been accustomed to meet men of all hues, but here I would say that there is but one difference, and that is the difference of the skin; out of the skin there is the same nature, the same failings, the same passions, the same infirmities, for God has made us all and God is our common father.

It should be your duty to send all those who would go, to Africa. Never say that any volunteer is too good for Africa, let him go and God will enable you to raise up others equally competent to discharge the duties of the Church nearer home. There are certain things that are never answered upon paper. On the field of Waterloo Napoleon Bonaparte wrote a dispatch that he had defeated Wellington. Do you think it would have been wise for him to answer him on paper? No, he let the world see by his works who the victor really was.

The future of the race is in your own hands, then call upon the God of all ages to make you as worthy of the future as you have been in the past. Abraham Lincoln once said that this nation could not exist with one-half in slavery and the other half free. [Applause.] It was a great day, not for the Africans, but for the nation. To this race and nation, the day of vengeance is past, the acceptable year of the Lord draweth nigh. We see the dawn, and that dawn is but the beginning of a brightness which shall shine more and more unto the perfect day. [Great applause.]

The choir sang, "Precious Promise."

Rev. F. W. MacDonald was the next speaker. He said:

My dear brethren, it is with heartfelt pleasure that I find myself in your midst this morning. I was present at the last Wesleyan Conference at home, and there was one action that made the occasion very interesting. We have among us a custom to introduce visitors at a certain stage of the proceedings of the Con-

ference. There was on this occasion a visitor of great prominence, having an exalted and dignified ecclesiastical title, but who possessed all the characteristics of the African race. He began to address the Conference by request but was somewhat inaudible, as he spoke in a low tone. The then chairman requested him to speak louder. Our visitor seemed a little put about, for he answered, "I'll make them hear directly," and I assure you Bishop Campbell did make us hear [laughter], and more than that, he made a very good impression upon us [applause], and, sir, before that conference closed I had the pleasure of accompanying him to this country. Brethren, during my life I have seen fine things that have given me great satisfaction, but I have not seen anything which gave me more pleasure than this assembly this morning. [Applause.] I cannot remember exactly, for it was about a quarter of a century ago that we were asked to contribute to the missionary fund, but I remember the feeling which came over me when I read that book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and it affords us, your brethren, great pleasure to meet you at this time. Surely your race has been delivered from deep and complicated sufferings for great and good purposes which God will disclose unto us. I indulge not in prophesy, but I see that God is strengthening your works, prolonging your lives and blessing your race in order to prepare you for a great work which you now more than see, and that is the great missionary career which God has prepared you for. I shall not tire you with any great theory of Race Question in America, for this question of races exists not only in America, but also in the other continents. We have this race question in India upon a large scale. There is more in it, sir, than the difference of complexion, there are those prejudices which naturally destroy those feelings of brotherhood which ought to exist in the hearts of Christians. I have often been struck with

the manner in which St. Paul represents the nations of the earth: "There is no difference." Paul said there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek. Paul was a traveler, a scholar and a Jew, but he had tasted the sweets of prejudices; he knew the differences that exist between men of different creeds, for opposite to him was a Greek, a man from the most accomplished tribe of people then in existence on earth, and yet Paul said: "There is no difference." No difference, for all had sinned; this tremendous fact places all mankind on a level. I see the germ principles not only of religion, but of redemption, and by God's blessing something is being done towards relieving the feelings of these great truths. What a difference there is between a regiment keeping time and an army marching! The feet of the former move, but they are not going one foot. There is in the history of all nations a time when they are only marking time, but there does come the time when they begin to march. (Applause). I have not the advantage of age or anything else to give you, but allow me, in the name of God, to bid you God speed. In our country one of the most pressing and interesting questions is that given to men who have come to enter the Christian ministry. You can do a good deal of invention in America in machinery, but you cannot invent any machinery to supplement the Christian machinery. What is there in which we see so much of God's power as in the Christian work? The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handy work; but is there anything which shows the love of God more glaringly than his gift of Jesus Christ? What a glorious thing it is when Christ calls a man to follow him. You have heard that on a certain day that the Lord on the sea of Gallilee, said to two brothers, "Follow me;" and you remember how, in after time, he taught them that to follow him they were entering upon a service in which their

brother would be introduced in a fresh view as an object of contempt and derision.

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," not teach you how to despise them, but teach you how to save them, and those who have followed him in deed and in truth, have found out that their mission is to save them. May the Lord bless you in your Christian work, and in your families. Oh, that we may be called from everything that is contrary to his will, and may your rejoicings be our as well. There are many occasions in which we have had cause to rejoice for the success which God has given us on the other side of the ocean. God grant that these results may always attend you. (Applause.) Rev. B. T. Tanner then offered the following resolution on

ENGLISH DEPUTATION:

Resolved, That the African Methodist Episcopal church, through her assembled General conference, rejoices at the presence of Revs. Wm. Arthur, A. M. and F. W. McDonald, deputies from the Wesleyan Connection of England.

Resolved, That coming as they do from a nation which is as invincible in war as it is equitable in peace: as wise in diplomacy as it is strong in government; as true in morals as it is strong in religion, we are made to hope with exceeding joy.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that we, as a church and people, are in conflict with the spirit and practice of caste, as found in the white religious denominations of the land, we are glad to know that in the presence of the reverend deputies we have the pledge of the conquering support of the Christian people of that powerful race.

Resolved, That we extend to these deputies personally, as well as to the body they officially represent, our heartfelt thanks for the information given with the prayer that God would more and more make them and their

children to increase.

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In moving the adoption of his resolution, Dr. Tanner said: I may be allowed to say, Mr. Chairman, that a strange spectacle has been presented to our view this morning. It would not be a strange spectacle to see men walking arm in arm through our streets, but we this morning behold a strange spectacle in the representative of that time-honored and great religious denomination, Wesleyan Methodism coming among us. We see this morning, the first and last, the parent and the offsprings of Methodism arm in arm. You may ask how this is? Mr. Chairman, the events of the rich take hold of the events of the poor. I remember, sir, that it was an Englishman that took the murderer of Toussaint L'Ouverture into exile. I remember the tears shed by that, possibly the greatest of all Englishmen, the immortal Livingstone. (Applause.) Nor is this all. I remember the acts of John Wesley, and I believe that just as the English aided in putting a stop to that human traffic so odious in its nature, so will this nation render it possible to put a stop to the prejudice of caste.

It may be asked, what is this prejudice of caste. It can only be answered by what it does. What does it do? It worships God in the tower high, (Pointing to the galleries). if you are black, It worships God there (Pointing to the pews). if you are white, . . . I believe it is customary with the English to do away with prejudice, so, Mr. Chairman, in gladly welcoming these delegates, I look forward to a bright future, believing that when they return to England they will represent, without that prejudice which is the characteristic of the American people. (Applause).

Rev. J. T. Jackson, of Ohio, seconded the motion in a very appropriate speech.

The resolution was passed unani-

mously. Regular business was then resumed.

The Committee on Boundaries, through their chairman, Rev. F. J. Cooper, submitted their report, which was received.

Baltimore Conference shall include all the States of Maryland and Philadelphia. This section was adopted by motion.

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BENEDICTION. O God, the spirit of all flesh, who hast made all mankind with one blood, bless these Thy servants with a mighty outpouring of Thy spirit, bless them now abundantly in this great work which they have in hand, and may the spirit of Almighty God rest and remain with them now and forevermore. Amen.

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tion of \$10,000 out of the general fund, towards the purchase, and further that this school shall be a Kindergarten school and trades training college, under the supervision of a board of Trustees and Directors, with proper instructors, and that this General Conference, by and through the proper affairs created, i. e. the General Superintendent of Educational work and the Secretary of the Board of Education, shall have the oversight and direction of the same.

(8) We recommend the appropriation of the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.) for educational work in the Indian Territory.

(9) We recommend, that the salaries of the President of Wilberforce University and the Principal of Payne Institute be \$1200, per annum and that it be paid from the general treasury of the church, commonly denominated the dollar money fund.

(10) We recommend that from the rise of this general conference, and hereafter, that either the President of Wilberforce University, the Dean of the Theological Department or at least one of the Theological Professors, shall invariably and always be the Pastor of "The Church of the Holy Trinity" in the University. And further that the law of limitation of the Pastorate, shall not apply in the Pastorate of this college church.

(11) We recommend that a movement be inaugurated in our California Conference with a view to ascertain whether the social contact of the educated men and women of our race with the Chinese of California may not assist the Chinese in more rapidly assimilating our morals and our Christianity.

(12) We recommend to the Trustees of Wilberforce University the election of two additional Professors at their next annual meeting, one especially for the Theological Department.

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Revision of Discipline.

BY REV. W. J. GAINES.

CHAPTER V, SECTION I, PAGE 351.

Question. What shall be done to
build up the financial interest of our
Church?

1. We do hereby establish a Con-
ference Treasury for each Annual
Conference.

2. We establish a Bishop's Stew-
ard, who shall be the General Manager
of our Publishing Department.

3. It shall be the duty of the Gen-
eral Conference to assess each Annual
Conference its proportional part of
amount to be raised for the support
of the Bishops. This assessment
must be based upon the relative nu-
merical strength of the various An-
nual Conferences.

4. It shall be the duty of each An-
nual Conference to assess the various
Districts or Churches within its
bounds the amount to be raised for
the support of the Bishops within said
Districts according to the strength of
population, and the District Confer-
ence shall assess the various Church-
es in its bounds.

5. It shall be the duty of every
minister holding a charge in the A.
M. E. Church to collect the sum of
one dollar (\$1.00) from or for each
member in his Church, or Churches,
for the maintenance of the Confer-
ence Treasury and for the Bishops' Fund.

6. Should any minister having
charge fail to raise the above collec-
tion during the Conference year, or
at least one-third of it, according to
the number of members reported in
the minutes of last Annual Confer-
ence held, it shall be the duty of the
presiding Bishop and the Annual
Conference to inquire into the cause
of said failure, and if on examination
the said preacher has failed through
indifference, negligence or refusal,
he shall be suspended or dismissed
from the itinerant work.

II. This money shall be used for
the following purposes:

1. For the support of efficient
Bishops.

2. To aid widows and orphans of
itinerant Bishops and preachers.

3. For educational purposes. Each
Annual Conference shall contribute
out of its treasury ——— for the
maintenance of Wilberforce Univer-
sity.

4. To create a fund for the Church
Extension Society.

III. A Bishop and five traveling
elders shall constitute a Board of
Managers, one of whom shall be the
Treasurer of the Board, elected yearly
by the Annual Conference.

1. The Board of Managers shall
be elected by the Annual Conference,
one of whom, in the absence of the
Bishop, shall be Chairman.

2. The Board of Managers shall
have power to remove an inefficient
or otherwise disqualified Treasurer
when it is clearly necessary for the
best interest of the Church.

3. The Board of Managers shall
audit the Treasurer's account and
shall advise the disbursement of all
moneys not regularly provided for.

4. The Treasurer of the Board
shall give a bond in the sum of ———
for the faithful performance of his
duties.

5. The Treasurer shall further pre-
sent a written report annually to his
Conference giving a full statement
of the condition of the Treasury.

6. The Treasurer of the Board
shall open an account in some safe

and reliable bank, where he shall
deposit all moneys not otherwise pro-
vided for by the Board. His books,
papers and bank account shall always
be open to the inspection of the Bish-
ops and itinerant preachers of his
Annual Conference.

7. The Bishops shall fill all vacan-
cies occurring in the Board during
the interval of the Annual Confer-
ence.

8. The Board shall meet at such
time and place as is most convenient
and as is necessary for the proper
transaction of business.

9. The Bishop, in passing through
the Annual Conference, shall be au-
thorized to receive money from the
preachers and shall give a receipt for
the same. The preachers in them
shall remit such receipts to the Con-
ference Treasurer, and this amount
charged up to the Bishop collecting
it and his receipts forwarded to the
Bishop's Steward after having been
approved by the Board of Managers.

10. The Business Manager of the
Publishing Department, as Bishop's
Steward, shall make annual settle-
ments with the Bishops according to
the receipts and reports sent up from
the various Conference Treasurers.
If any Bishop shall have received
more than his salary as found by the
receipts, he shall return such surplus
to the Bishop's Steward at the annual
meeting, which amount shall be ap-
propriated to the deficit in the sala-
ries of those Bishops who have not
been paid up in full.

CHAPTER 5, SECTION 2, PAGE 305.

1. The salary of a Bishop shall be
two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per
annum.

2. The Conference Treasurers, un-
der the direction of their Board of
Managers, shall pay the Bishops' sal-
aries quarterly.

3. The traveling expenses of the
Bishops shall be paid them by the
churches which they visit and by the
conferences which they hold. Each
church visited by the Bishop shall
pay the cost of his travel to the next
point to be visited by him. Each

annual conference shall also pay the traveling expenses of its presiding Bishop from its place of session to his next point of destination. *Provided*, that said expenses shall never exceed thirty dollars (\$30).

4. In case of distant traveling in the direct interest of the Church, e. g., to the continent of Europe, to California, to the Island of Santo Domingo, or elsewhere, the Bishop about to make such a trip, at least four months before the time of starting, shall make application through the Board of Bishops to the Boards of Conference Managers for the amount necessary to defray his expenses.

The Conference Boards of Managers, in all such cases, are hereby authorized to solicit a contribution from our churches to aid in defraying such traveling expenses of the Bishop.

CHAPTER 5, SECTION 3, PAGE 307.

I. The allowance of a married traveling preacher shall be four hundred dollars (\$400) each Conference year, board for himself, wife, and children under fourteen years of age, and his house rent, fuel and traveling expenses. Should his wife die, he shall have the same as if he were married, for the support of his children, if he has any.

SECTION FOURTH, PAGE 308.

Support of Presiding Elders.

I. Presiding Elders.—The salary of a Presiding Elder shall be the same as other traveling preachers, and the Annual Conference shall apportion it to the different churches in his district.

CHAPTER V, SECTION V, PAGE 309.

Question 4. What provision do we make for our worn out Bishops and Itinerant Preachers and Widows and Orphans of our Itinerant Preachers.

Answer I. We hereby settle an annuity of (\$300) three hundred dollars for our worn out traveling preachers, to be paid them quarterly, during the period of their natural lives, by the Conference Board of

Managers, such payments to be made always subject to the approval of by Bishops of the Annual Conference, and the Conference to which said claimant belongs.

2. The Widows of our deceased Itinerant preachers shall each receive one hundred dollars per annum. The Orphans of such preachers shall each receive fifty dollars per annum, provided they are under fourteen years of age, and no one claimant shall be entitled to the above amount for more than three children. The above support to last no longer than the time of widowhood. The provisions of this paragraph shall not take effect until the condition of the Conference treasury is in the judgment of the Conference Boards shall warrant it.

SECTION VI, PAGE 310.

The support of Missionaries and the Endowment of Scholarship, in Wilberforce University.

Question 5. How shall we assist our Missionaries in their work, and our young people in their education.

Answer I. The Conference Board of Managers shall apportion to the Conference the educational proportion to be raised by the Annual Conference.

The Annual Conference, Board of Managers shall see that the conference use the educational fund to build up the educational interest in the Conference, after having paid Wilberforce University its proportional part.

2. Each Annual Conference shall disburse its own money according to the law of the A. M. E. Church. Should there be a balance after such disbursement, then the said balance shall be returned to the Conference chartered fund.

II. The Conference Board of Managers, shall endow scholarships in Wilberforce University as often as possible. But each Annual Conference shall endow one every two years, to be known as the Scholarship of _____ of the African M. E.

Church.

1. The scholarship shall be used for the purpose of preparing young men for the ministry in the African M. E. Church, and also for the purpose of preparing young women to labor in the educational department of our Church.

2. These scholarships shall be under concurrent direction of the Conference Board of Managers, and the President and Faculty of Wilberforce University.

3. The Managing Editor and General Business Manager of our Publishing Department, shall be paid out of the proceeds of the business of the publishing department (\$1,500). Their salaries shall be one thousand five hundred dollars per annum to each. Provided they make the business pay them.

Report of the Ecumenical Committee.

To the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church in session.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your committee would submit the following: The conference of committees from the different bodies of Methodists assembled at St. Paul M. E. church, May 6th, 1880. At the suggestion of Bishop Simpson, the Rev. William Arthur M. A. of the British Wesleyan church took the chair. Bishop Peck led in prayer; A. C. George was chosen Secretary. On making up a list it was ascertained that the following Methodist bodies were represented, viz: British Wesleyan, Irish Wesleyan, Methodist Church of Canada, Methodist E. church of Canada, Methodist E. church in the United States; Methodist E. church South, African Methodist E. church, Methodist Protestant church, Free Methodist church, American Wesleyan church and Independent Methodist church. The following resolution was offered by Bishop Simpson:

Resolved, That it is desirable to hold an ecumenical conference.

Upon this motion opinions were expressed by a representative of each branch of Methodism represented. R. A. Johnson speaking for our church. The resolution was passed.

On Friday, May 7th, the committee re-assembled and adopted the following:

METHODIST ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

Report of Joint Committees.

CALL FOR A COUNCIL.

The undersigned, in the name and by the authority of the different Methodist bodies with which we are connected, and which we have been appointed to represent, recommend the holding of our Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, in City Road Chapel, London, the middle of August, 1881, or as near thereto as our English brethren can arrange; nevertheless, if it should be found impracticable to hold said conference at the time indicated, the general executive committee may determine the date.

In respect to such Ecumenical Conference, we make the following statements and suggestions:

The conference is not for legislative purposes, for it will have no authority to legislate. It is not for doctrinal controversies, for Methodism has no doctrinal differences. It is not for an attempt to harmonize the various politics and usages of the several branches of the one great Methodist family, for Methodism has always striven for unity, rather than uniformity. It is not, in a word, for consolidation, but for co-operation. It is to devise such means for prosecuting our home and foreign work as will result in the greatest economy and efficiency; to promote fraternity, to increase the moral and evangelical power of a common Methodism, and to secure the more speedy conversion of the world.

2. A Methodist Ecumenical Conference might properly consider such topics as these:

The duty of Methodism in respect

to Popery, paganism, panperism, skepticism, intemperance, and kindred voices; the relation of Methodism to education; the means of evangelization, such as itinerancy, ministry, training schools for Christian workers, both at home and abroad, Sunday-schools, and special efforts for special classes; Methodism as a missionary movement, the relation of the home to the foreign work, and the best mode of avoiding waste and rivalries, and of securing instead thereof sympathy and co-operation between different Methodist bodies occupying the same or contiguous mission fields; the use of the press for the increase of Christian knowledge and sanctifying power; the resources of Methodism, in numbers, wealth, culture, spiritual life, and revival agencies, and the corresponding responsibility; the spiritual unity of Methodism, and the best way to secure its maintenance and increase, and to manifest it to the world; and other kindred topics.

3. The Ecumenical Conference shall be composed of four hundred members, of which two hundred are assigned to British and continental Methodism, and to their affiliated conferences and mission fields, and two hundred to the conferences and Churches in the United States and in Canada, and in their foreign work. The conference shall be composed, as nearly as possible, of an equal number of clerical and lay delegates. The delegates from British and Continental Methodism shall be distributed among the various Methodist bodies of that section, as the British Methodists, on consultation and correspondence may agree. The delegates assigned to the churches in the United States and Canada, shall be distributed as follows: The Methodist Episcopal Church, eighty; the Methodist Episcopal Church South, thirty-eight; the African Methodist Episcopal Church, twelve; the Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, ten; the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America, six; the Evan-

gelical Association, six; the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church, two; the Union American Protestant Church, two; the Methodist Protestant Church, six; the American Wesleyan Church, four; the Free Methodist Church, two; the Independent Methodist Church, two; the Congregational Methodist Church, two; the Methodist Church of Canada, twelve; the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, four; the Primitive Methodist Church in the United States and Canada, two; the Bible Christian Church, two; and the British Methodist Episcopal Church, two. The remaining six members are left to be distributed by the Western section of the general executive committee.

4. There should be a general executive committee, consisting of one clerical and one lay member from each Methodist body, to be appointed by General Conference, Board of Bishops, conference president, or by any other available authority which can act during the year 1880, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

The general executive committee shall be divided into two sections, which may meet separately. The Eastern section shall include British and Continental Methodism and its affiliated conferences, and the Western section shall include the Methodism of the United States and Canada, and of its mission fields. The president of the British Wesleyan Conference shall be an additional member of the committee, and shall be chairman of the Eastern section, and is specially charged with the duty of opening the proceedings and of effecting the organization of Ecumenical Conference. Rev. Bishop M. Simpson shall be an additional member of the committee and shall be chairman of the Western section. Rev. Bishop H. N. M'Yre shall also be an additional member of the committee, and shall be vice-chairman of the Western section. In case the two sections meet together, the

chairman may preside alternately.

When three Methodist bodies beyond the borders of the United States and of Canada shall have chosen members of the general executive committee, the Eastern section may be organized; and when free Methodist bodies in the United States and Canada shall have chosen members of the general executive committee, the Western section may be organized. It shall require a majority of both sections to make any general action valid; but each section may act independently on all local matters.

The general executive committee shall prepare and publish a scheme of business, or programme of exercises for said Ecumenical Conference, and shall make all other necessary arrangements.

5. The several Methodist bodies are requested to arrange during the present calendar year for the appointment of delegates to the proposed Ecumenical Conference, on the basis previously stated, and by the highest available authority.

6. Each Methodist body shall provide, as it may see fit, for the traveling expenses of its representatives in the general executive committee, and of its delegates to the Ecumenical Conference.

In conclusion we desire to express our devout thanksgiving to the God and Father of all our mercies for the favor which he has been pleased thus far to show to this truly catholic movement, and especially for the spirit of forbearance, charity, and brotherly love which has prevailed in all our counsels. We fervently pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon our work and upon his people, and eminently upon every branch of the great Methodist family; and that this proposed Methodist Ecumenical Conference may be brought to a glorious consummation, and may make fruitful of blessings to all mankind.

WILLIAM ARTHUR,
F. W. MACDONALD,
British Wesleyan Conference.

WALLACE M' MULLIN,
Irish Wesleyan Conference.

S. D. RICE,
E. H. DEWART,
E. B. RYCKMAN,
Methodist Church of Canada.
BIDWELL LANE,
ISAAC B. AYLSWORTH,
S. G. STONE,
Methodist Episcopal Church, Canada.

M. SIMPSON,
JESSE T. PECK,
AUGUSTUS C. GEORGE,
P. S. DONELSON,
JAMES PIKE,
I. N. BAIRD,
J. W. MARSHALL,
FRANCIS H. ROOT,
Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

DAVID S. DOGGETT,
H. N. M'TYRE,
J. B. M'FERRIN,
A. G. HAYGOOD,
C. W. MILLER,
E. R. HENDRIX,
J. H. CARLISLE,
Methodist Episcopal Church South.

B. F. LEE,
R. A. JOHNSON,
J. J. MITCHELL,
African Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE,
WM. J. C. DULANY,
Methodist Protestant Church.

B. T. ROBERTS,
Free Methodist Church.

N. WARDNER,
E. G. PAINE,
American Wesleyan Church.

CHARLES M. GIFFIN,
CHARLES J. BAKER,
Independent Methodist Church.
Done in the City of Cincinnati,
May 10, 1880.

Your committee recommend that this General conference proceed at once to arrange to co-operate with sister churches in accordance with programme read.

We believe this proposed conference will be a very great and significant convocation, and that its influence will be very extensive.

ADDRESS

Before the Ecumenical Committee
by the Rev. R. A. Johnson, of the
African M. E. Church.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

We are here as a committee of three, to represent the African M. E. Church in this Ecumenical joint committee, to counsel together with reference to a fraternity of all the Methodist families among all races on the globe. The unification of religious views and sentiments among all these will be an exhibition worthy of the cause we represent, and will be in accordance with the prayer of the blessed Saviour when he said: "That they may be one, as Thou Father art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us."

Union is power. Illustrations of this true maxim are familiar to every one. The most slender thread when sufficiently multiplied will form the strongest cable; and forces, when acting single are utterly impotent, but when acting in combination are irresistible. Without union no moral victory can be successfully achieved. If the world is to be converted, we must lay aside our petty jealousies and unite as one family. Let Christians heartily combine to extend the kingdom of their God, and no force can long resist them. I think that an organized fraternity of all the branches of the Methodist family would be an important step toward this union. We all are essentially one in doctrine, one in spirit, and one in purpose; and, I believe, are actuated by the same motive that prompted John Wesley, when he said: "I desire to have a league, offensive and defensive, with every soldier of Christ."

Such an ecumenical conference would harmonize and unite all the different branches of the great Methodist family, and would cement them in closer fellowship.

Concluded to-morrow.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 8:30 A. M., Rt. Rev. Bishop Wayman in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Asbury, of the Kentucky Conference.

Scripture Lessons, cxix Psalms to verse 30th. Hymn 1018 C. M.:

Giver of concord, prince of peace,
Meek, lamb-like Son of God,
Bid our unruly passions cease
By Thy atoning blood.
Rebuke our rage, our passion's child,
Our stubborn wills control,
Beat down our wrath, root out our pride
And calm our troubl'd soul.
Subdue in us the carnal mind,
Its enmity destroy,
With cords of love our spirits bind,
And melt us into 'j y.
Us into closest union draw,
And in our inward parts
Let kindness sweetly write her law
And love command our hearts.
Savior look down with pitying eye,
Our jarring wills control;
Let cordial, kind affection rise,
And harmonize the soul.
O let us find the ancient way
Our wand'ring feet to move
And force the heathen world to say
"See how these Christians love!"

He then offered the following

PRAYER:

Almighty and all-wise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the maker of all things, the Creator of all men. We acknowledge our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed against Thy divine majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us; we are heartily sorry for them, the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us most merciful Father. Thon hast kept us through another night, and permitted us to meet this morning. We praise thee for thy goodness and thy love. Accept thou the gratitude of our hearts, and draw thou us to Thee by the influence of thy Holy Spirit. O bless this grand assembly. We have met here to legislate for Thy church militant here on earth, and would not attempt to labor this day without first imploring thy blessing upon us; and while we undertake to speak and act for thee, Lord Jesus Christ grant that the language of the hymn we have just sung this morning be our action at all times; and may the world see our devotion to thee, and may the heathen world be forced to say, "See how these Christians love," and be constrained thereby to follow thee. O Lord bless the bishops, and especially the one that shall preside to-day. Give him grace to have patience in presiding over this body, and make us all submissive to thy law. May we shun the very approach of evil,

and grant that such may be our action that when we shall have gone from this place there may remain such a lasting impression that friends and foes may be able to say that God has a people on earth. Bless we pray thee our several charges that we have left behind. O help us to forget the past only to remember that "hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Bless we pray thee the newly-elected bishops, help them to faithfully discharge the duties of this sacred office, looking always unto Jesus, the author and finisher of faith; and when we shall be done with time bring us thyself in peace. These favors we ask not that we have merited them, but for the sake of Jesus Christ the Son. Amen.

The reading of the roll was dispensed with. The Secretary was asked to read the minutes, and did so. Rev. J. W. Early, of Tenn., moved that the report be adopted with necessary corrections.

Rev. J. Thompson, of Philadelphia Conference, gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the action of this Conference by which Yedville* was added to the Philadelphia Conference.

Rev. J. T. Jenifer gave notice that the resolution submitted by him yesterday, that the bench of bishops elect one among themselves for Hayti and Africa will be called up by him to-day for action.

Rev. Mr. Beekley said he did not know whether there are two Financial Secretaries in this Conference, and asked for an explanation, so that he may be able vote intelligently

when the Secretary was reporting; but this was not granted. After some further were raised the minutes were adopted.

Bishop Wayman then appointed the following gentlemen to consider the petition of the Barbers on "Working on Sundays":

Rev. Thos. H. Jackson.

" Jas. H. Hubbard.

" C. O. H. Thomas.

" W. C. Banton.

" Jas. H. Haynes.

" Chas. L. Bradwell.

" C. T. Shaffer.

Rev. W. W. Hunter then offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Bro. C. O. H. Thomas on his own responsibility, and without any warrant of authority, and contrary to all practices in the Christian Church, and calculated to greatly wound the feelings of all members of this General Conference, did order the Rev. S. D. W. Smith, fraternal delegate from the B. M. E. Church, to stop preaching, when he had been duly appointed by the authority of the Gen'l Conf.; therefore be it

Resolved, That this General Conference most positively condemns such action on the part of said Rev. C. O. H. Thomas.

W. H. HUNTER.

W. J. GAINES

Rev. W. H. Noble moved to amend by saying that the Rev. C. O. H. Thomas be brought before the bar of Conference and be severely reprimanded.

Rev. W. E. Johnson moved an amendment to the amendment that the Rev. C. O. H. Thomas be required to apologize and then be reprimanded. The amendment to the amendment was accepted by Rev. W. H. Noble.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas rose to speak.

Rev. W. E. Johnson rose to a point of order. He said the question has not been submitted before the Conference, and Rev. Thomas could not, therefore, speak.

Rev. Thomas said he has a right to speak now because, if the amendment he acted upon and passed he would have no other alternative but

to submit to the penalty. He was finally allowed to speak.

He said the amendment is no doubt in keeping with the dignity and decorum of this house. But during the day, on Monday, the Rev. Seth Dermond William Smith was talking very freely to members of this General Conference that Elder Thomas, of New York, had set forth erroneous views in his sermon on Sunday night; that he could not stand it, and would tackle him on Monday night. Rev. Thomas there, feeling it his duty to protect every member of this Conference, interposed just at the time when he (Smith) was about to attack the brother.

He did it from a pure motive with a view to protect the dignity of members of this conference.

Rev. S. C. Goosley said that the brethren, Revs. Smith and Thomas, are very intimate and countrymen, and Rev. Thomas could not be actuated with any other but a pure motive.

Rev. A. R. Green did not think Rev. Thomas was justified, he his intimacy with Rev. Smith what it may, to interrupt him whilst dispensing the word of God by request of this General conference.

Rev. J. B. Stansbury moved that the question be taken without further debate. Carried.

A vote was then taken on Rev. W. E. Johnson's amendment, and it was lost.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Noble's amendment and was lost also.

A vote on the resolution was carried by a vote of 109 yeas to 18 nays.

Rev. Thomas. I am sorry I have offended the dignity of this august body. From the resolutions offered it is significant that I have offended this honorable body although I had no intention of doing so. I feel extremely sorry for what has been done and hope to do so no more.

Bishop Campbell then reprimanded Rev. Thomas in a mild manner after the conference had signified by

their vote that they accepted the apology of Rev. C. O. H. Thomas.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas then gave notice that he would move that the committee on church extension meet to-morrow (laughter).

Rev. W. F. Wilkerson asked that the conference allow the delegations from Canada, Rt. Rev. R. R. Disney and Rev. —, the delegate from the Irish church, to be received at 12 o'clock; the time asked for was granted.

Rev. Mr. Frisby asked to be excused and be allowed to go home on account of illness. Request not granted.

Rev. C. Asbury moved to reconsider the action of the conference relative to the Ohio and Philadelphia and Pittsburg conference.

Lay delegate Goins rose to a point of order. He said the committee on boundary reported yesterday; their report was received as a whole, and is to be adopted sciatim.

Bishop Campbell ruled that the section referred to by Rev. C. Asbury has been acted upon and adopted, and therefore Rev. C. Asbury was in order to move a reconsideration of that section of the report.

The Rev. C. Asbury then explained his reason for his motion. He said that about four years ago he was stationed at the southern extremity of the Philadelphia conference. He saved a little money, but was sent at that time to the northern end of the conference. The distance is so great that it took all the money he had to move, so that when he got there he was a bankrupt. After four more years he was again sent back, and this change again absorbed all his savings in money. The boundary is entirely too large, and he would like to have it changed so as to lessen the extent of the boundary of the Philadelphia conference, and add the portion so cut off from the Pittsburg conference to the Philadelphia, and also add Cleveland, Zanesville, Marietta, etc., to the Pittsburg conference.

Rev. T. H. Jackson objected to the

motion of Rev. C. Asbury. He said such a step cannot be taken without occasioning great dissatisfaction to the people of Ohio, unless a committee is formed to confer with them. He hoped the General conference will let the boundary of the Ohio conference remain as it is.

Rev. J. B. Stansbury moved to reconsider the motion in regard to the Ohio conference and to lay the motion on the table.

Carried by a vote of 63 yeas to 37 nays.

Rev. W. D. Johnson offered a resolution to have the photographs of the General conference and sell them at a dollar each.

Rev. C. T. Shaffer moved to postpone the matter indefinitely.

Carried.

Rev. W. H. Hunter moved that the report of the committee on boundaries be adopted as a whole.

No second.

Unfinished business was then called for. The reading clerk proceeded with the reading of the unfinished part of the report of the committee on boundaries. Sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 were adopted as reported by the committee. Sec. 13 was amended before being adopted. Section 14 was adopted as reported, section 15 was adopted without debate; section 16 was adopted.

The conference then proceeded to receive the fraternal delegate.

The Conference choir sang—

"Will Jesus find us watching?"

Rt. Rev. D. A. Payne then introduced the Rev. William MacMullen, who said:

"My Dear Brethren—When I met the Rt. Rev. Bishop Campbell at Birmingham, England, I had no idea of meeting him here. I am glad to say that during his stay in England he made a very good impression on the brethren there, and I assure you that should any of you go over there to visit us, you will receive a very hearty welcome. I regret very much that I did not get here yesterday. It is our

custom to accept invitations to visit and to preach to any religious denomination of people, but having so much space to overcome, so great a distance to travel over—greater than I have ever traveled over in my life, I did not get here when the Rev. William Arthur MacDonald was here, but allow me in the name of the Irish church to bid you all a cordial greeting. (Applause.) I cannot tell you how different an impression has been made on my mind when I came to America. I have read a great deal of African Methodism in America, and thought that I knew a great deal about it, but brethren when I came here and saw what I have seen, I found how little I did know. It is sometimes good for one to feel that he knows nothing, and are very glad that the works of Rev. John Wesley has taken such deep root in America as to produce such an organization as the African M. E. Church. (Applause.)

Since my arrival in America three weeks ago I have had the pleasure of preaching in some of your churches in this country, and have preached for Rev. Mr. Jackson, and am sorry I have not been able to spend a Sabbath in St. Louis. I shall now say a few words relative to the work of the Irish church at home. We cannot as you do, number our membership by hundreds of thousands, but we number by thousands. God, however, has blessed and prospered us abundantly; the work of Christ is progressing in our midst, and through Jesus we look for greater success. I am well pleased with what I have seen in America, and when I return to Ireland, and am asked how I like America, I shall have to say to them: "I have been there, and still would go."

'Tis like a little heaven below."

We would be pleased to see and welcome your delegates in Britain, but allow me to say to you that whoever is appointed to visit Europe, do not fail to visit Ireland. There are

sceneries in Ireland very beautiful to behold; we have the Giant's Causeway, the beautiful lakes of Killarney, the beautiful city of Dublin, and other places which we would be pleased to show to you. You have a great work to do here, brethren. God grant that you may be able to do it successfully, remembering "That work done for God is never lost."

The choir sang "To be there."

Rev. J. C. Embry then offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, We have listened with pleasure to the fraternal greeting of a distinguished representative of the Irish Methodist church; and

Whereas, It affords us the highest satisfaction to extend the right hand of fellowship to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, and especially from all Methodists; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we hail the appearance among us as a fraternal delegate from the Irish Methodist church, Rev. Wallace McMullen, of the city of Dublin, Ireland.

Resolved, 2. That we tender him a most hearty fraternal welcome.

Resolved, 3. That we have listened to the message of Christian regard which he has so ably delivered to us from the beloved and worthy brethren of our faith in Ireland.

Resolved, 4. That we see in this greeting from our brethren in the grand old island, another link in the chain of Christian union.

That is binding the followers of the great and glorious Wesley together, and which is marshalling the Methodist branch of the great army of our Lord for the more speedy conquest of the world.

J. C. EMBRY,

W. H. HUNTER.

Rev. J. Parker moved that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote. The vote was unanimously passed.

Rev. J. C. Embry. Mr. Chairman we enjoy to-day the sincere pleasure of meeting with our brother from Ireland—a pleasure better felt than

expressed. We are told in sacred history that among the Antediluvians there was but one language, but on account of sin and its consequences, on account of the folly of mankind, the language of the human family was confounded, and its various branches literally scattered to different parts of the earth. At first the branches of the human family were characterized by continued scenes of conflicts and war. Philosophers have brought forward schemes and proposals of reform by which the various fragments of the human family may be brought to one again, but every such scheme proved futile until the appearance of one who came as has been prophesied in the midst of all our woe, and after fearlessly introducing the glorious system of truth, left us this prophesy, "I will draw all men to me,"—a prophesy embracing an idea that the languages of the earth shall be united. Ah! sir, strange enough the fulfilment of this prophesy began to develop *gradus a gradu*, as that prophet had before said, until we find men speaking to each other in one language from the very coasts of the earth. The Christian world now begins to realize the return of light and that blessed day, when brothers shall not rise against brothers (applause). The doctrines of Jesus Christ, the spirit of Jesus Christ is swaying the hearts and minds of the nations of the earth to-day as it never did before, and what we now behold is but the fulfilment of that glorious prophesy which assures us that in the appointed time the "ends of the earth" shall come together (applause). Yet it is true, but we can scarcely believe our own eyes, we can scarcely believe our own ears when we sit and behold what our eyes see, and listen to the music which fills our ears. We would say to you, brother MacMullen, as the Irish Methodists have experienced many difficulties so have we experienced many difficulties since we re-

ceived the principles of that society which you can see with us to-day—the principles of Methodism. Nevertheless we are not here to complain of the schemes of the enemy, we are here to say that more than three-score years and ten our fathers set up their banners and planted that seed the fruits of which you now see before you, and we are glad that through faith we have remained unto this day.

Tell your brethren when you go home that we are here preaching the will of our maker as established by John Wesley, "Holiness to the Lord." May God bless and prosper you, and behalf of this Conference we bid you God speed (applause).

Rev. W. H. Hunter, who seconded the resolution made a very appropriate speech which will appear in a subsequent issue of the Recorder.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. Deaton Dorrell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference assembled at 3:15 P.M., Bishop James P. Campbell in the chair.

Secretary B. W. Arnett read the minutes of the morning session.

Rev. J. E. Hayne of South Carolina moved that the minutes stand approved.

Rev. M. M. Mance of Conference gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the amendment adopted this morning in regard to the boundaries of the South Carolina conference. The minutes were adopted.

Rev. T. H. Jackson of Ohio said this hour was set apart for a special purpose for the reception of the delegation from Canada. By consent, business was set aside to receive the delegates.

Rt. Rev. D. A. Payne, the senior bishop, then took the chair. The choir sang—

"Blessed be the tie that binds
—Our hearts in Christian love,"
whilst the Rt. Rev. R. R. Disney was escorted by bishop-elect W. F. Dickerson.

Bishop Paine. Brethren, I take

pleasure in introducing to you the Rt. Rev. Richard R. Disney, Bishop of the B. M. E. Church of Canada. (The conference rose.)

Bishop Payne. Brother Disney, I take pleasure in extending to you the right hand of fellowship and welcoming you among us.

Mrs. Rt. Rev. R. R. Disney was also introduced, and the address of the B. M. E. conference to this conference was read by Bishop elect W. F. Dickerson, to-wit:

To the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church now assembled at St. Louis, Mo., U. S.

Greeting: With feelings of the most profound gratitude to Almighty God for his rich mercies which have been extended through another Quadrennial term, we approach you through our delegates, Revs. Walter Hawkins, Josephus O'Banyoun and Seth. D. W. Smith, to convey to you our fraternal congratulations on this your Seventeenth Quadrennial term of existence. During those long years many have been your sorrows; you have had, no doubt, to contend with fightings without and fears within since the standard of African Methodism was first planted by our honored and ever adored Bishop Allen. Since then the gospel car guided by the overruling arm of divine providence, has made rapid progress upon the camp of the enemy.

Honored Fathers and Brothers, we rejoice with you in the blessings and success that have attended your labor through our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church.

The British Methodist Episcopal Church, your eldest daughter, has not been a whit behind in the discharge of the duties enjoined upon her as a part and parcel of God's honored church. She believes, like yourselves, that God has a work for her to perform, a work that none other could accomplish. And believing this, she has braved the storm and faced the dangers which naturally in her infancy she would have to undergo assisted by the great

head of the church.

We rejoice with you, Fathers and Brothers, in the prosperity, happiness and peace that has attended your labors wherever the A. M. E. standard has been planted; it cannot be otherwise when we remember our indebtedness to you as our mother church, the memory of which still lies very near our hearts, and it is our desire that the fraternal bonds which have so long bound us together should be severed only in death to be reunited in the grand temple above.

Circumstances over which we had no control prevented our delegation from meeting with you at your last general conference, but our Quadrennial address was forwarded to you; we learned that a delegation had been appointed by you to meet our General Conference, but they failed to put in an appearance, either personally or by proxy; hence we received no reply from our last address to you. We, of course, believe that the same spiritual union still exists between us that was found at your General Conference in A. D. 1856, and ratified by our General Conference which convened in the fall of the same year, and which has been observed strictly by us.

Whilst your missionaries have carried the flag of African Methodism all through the Southern States and across the Gulf to Hayti, our missionaries have also borne the flag of the gospel to foreign lands.

The British M. E. Church, your eldest daughter, as you are aware, started out feebly. She had at her organization only 256 members and probationers, 12 itinerant and local preachers. Her boundaries extend only over Ontario, but we rejoice to be able to report to you to-day that we have not been idling the master's precious time or abusing the trust you committed to our care.

Our membership increased nearly ten-fold. We have to-day 77 ministers, itinerant and local; 27 appointments, besides a large and promising mission-field in the British, French and Danish West India Isl-

ands. Already we have sent out four missionaries to these Islands. Some of them have proved recreant to their trust, but the rest have labored and are laboring indefatigably for the advancement of our common cause and the salvation of precious souls.

The number of our members has increased from 250 to 2,684. The attendants upon religious worship in the West Indies is estimated at over 25,000; Our duty to the young has not been forgotten. We have to-day 37 Sabbath-schools, 1,727 scholars, 156 officers and teachers. We hold an annual District Sabbath-school convention in connection with the Ontario District. We have 10 churches in course of erection, most of which we expect will be finished this year. Two churches have been dedicated in Bermuda since our much-lamented Bishop Nazrey first visited that Island in 1870, and planted the standard of the British Methodist Episcopal church, his successor, Bishop Disney, like faithful Joshua, entered into the work with a will, and has paid two visits to those foreign fields since our last General conference, besides his annual visits to Nova Scotia and the Ontario churches.

The *Missionary Messenger*, organ of the M. E. church, will enter in June next upon the sixteenth year of its existence, during which time it has never missed an issue.

We take a high stand on behalf of the cause of temperance, believing it to be highly essential to the advancement of our race.

Never before have we, as a church, held so influential a position in our land; never were our responsibilities so great. Oh! that we may be earnest witnesses for God, attesting the glory of our Master, rising in the fullness of his strength, so shall our life-work shed its fragrance afar, and the world take knowledge that we have been with Jesus.

And now, dear friends and brethren, we commend you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to

build you up and give you an inheritance amongst all them which are sanctified.

May you be perfected in every good work to do his will through Jesus Christ, our common Savior.

And may peace, love and prosperity abound in all your borders, is the prayer of your devoted daughter, the British Methodist Episcopal Church.

Signed, WALTER HAWKINS,
JOSEPHUS O'BANYOUN,
SETH D. W. SMITH,
Delegates.

Chatham, Ont., May 3, A. D. 1880.

The Rev. S. D. W. Smith then made a speech, at the close of which the Rev. F. J. Cooper offered the following resolution, which he followed by a very appropriate speech:

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The General conference has listened with much delight to Rev. S. D. W. Smith, fraternal delegate from the British M. E. church, and also the Rt. Rev. R. R. Disney, bishop of said church, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the General conference, hail with joy their presence, and heartily accept the message of cheer presented to this General conference by the distinguished delegates from that church, the only legitimate daughter of the A. M. E. church, planted by Rt. Rev. Richard Allen.

Resolved, That we will, in the future, as in the past, labor together in consort for the upbuilding of the Church of Christ.

Rev. A. Green, who seconded the resolution, also made a speech, at the close of which the resolution was unanimously approved.

Bishop Payne. Brethren, in all the speeches, I have but one objection, and that is, your referring to the B. M. E. church as the eldest daughter of the A. M. E. church. We have no eldest daughter. When a mother has three daughters her affections are divided between them, but the B. M. E. church is our only legitimate daughter, and all our affections are centered upon her. (Long continued

applause.) Bishop Payne. I was there when she was born. (Rounds of applause.)

The choir then sang "To the Rock."

Bishop Payne here rose and stated that the misunderstanding between Rev. C. C. Feltz and Rev. Dr. B. M. Turner, the bishop elect, intending to affect the moral character of Dr. Turner, has been satisfactorily adjusted and settled.

Rev. C. D. Bradwell. That the special business of the conference tomorrow at 10 o'clock be the report of the committee on Publication Department. Adopted.

Rev. J. T. Jenifer then submitted a supplementary report to the report on education.

Lt. Wm. B. B. Louis moved that the supplement be rescinded. Carried.

Rev. P. A. Hubbard moved that the report be adopted.

Rev. T. H. Jackson moved that the report be adopted by sections. Carried.

Rev. L. Gardner moved that the supplement be printed in the supplement of the RECORDER. Carried.

Rev. W. D. Johnson submitted the report of the committee on Revision. Laid over.

Bishop Campbell then appointed the following

COMMITTEE ON PHOTOGRAPH:

Revs. W. H. Hunter, H. A. Knight, R. F. Wayman, Jos. E. Hayne, R. A. Hall, L. Gardner, E. C. Joiner.

Bishop Shorter said, as to the lecture on education, he had objections to Bro. T. M. Stewart lecturing here to-night, on the ground that there are others who are equally competent; the President of the Wilberforce University is here; the ex-President is here, and this person is not even a member of our Annual conference.

Rev. W. F. Dickerson, one of the bishops elect, rose to defend the action of the committee on education in engaging McCann Stewart to lecture. In doing so he attacked Bishop Short-

er personally.

Rev. A. M. Townsend rose to a point of order. He said Rev. Dickerson rose to defend the action of the committee, and should not be allowed to indulge in personality.

Rev. Dickerson having given reasons why he, McCann Stewart, was asked to lecture, said he regretted exceedingly that this attack on Mr. Stewart was made by the bishop.

Bishop Payne defended McCann Stewart, stating that the informant of Bishop Shorter misrepresented Mr. Stewart.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by Rt. Rev. R. R. Disney.

[P. S.—The speeches of Revs. A. M. Green, F. J. Cooper and W. H. Hunter will appear in subsequent issues of the RECORDER.]

Report of the Ecumenical Committee.

[CONCLUDED FROM YESTERDAY.]

An Ecumenical Council would break down east and wipe out color lines. We meet here in this joint committee, not as black men, yellow men, or white men, but as brethren in the one common Saviour. We believe as you believe, in the fatherhood of God and in the common brotherhood of man.

We believe that you are interested in the salvation and elevation of all races on the globe—that prejudice on the account of color is rapidly disappearing from your religious assemblies and from your local churches, and that in the light of a progressive Christian civilization, and in an ecumenical conference like the one now contemplated, men will be loved as men, not as black men, nor as white men, but simply as men and as brethren in the one common Saviour.

Mr. chairman, entertaining such convictions as these we are highly gratified in having the privilege to represent the A. M. E. church in this grand fraternal movement in common with all the Methodist families.

We are deeply interested in the unification of all the forces of our common Methodism, against Romanism, heathenism, skepticism and against all the powers of darkness.

It is said that Sir Isaac Newton found by experiment that all transparent stones yielded to the action of heat except the diamond. But this exception did not shake his confidence in the general principles—that all transparent substances are combustible. Other philosophers have since demonstrated the truth of his position. They have brought to the experiment a larger form by which the rays of the Sun have been so concentrated as to dissolve the diamond almost instantaneously, and dissipate it into air. I think we may learn something from the philosopher. Let Christian union be our focus, let it be broad and genuine. At this focus let the beams of the Sun of righteousness be collected—let the energies of truth and love be concentrated to a point, they will then melt down hearts of diamond and burn through walls of adamant. Therefore I heartily endorse the motion of Bishop Simpson for the holding of an ecumenical conference of all the branches of Methodism throughout the world, in city road chapel, London, in August, 1881. It will be a grand sight to behold all these families shining together in the Christian firmament—a beautiful constellation, reflecting on the world, the light and glory of the sun of righteousness.

ADDRESS

Delivered before the Ecumenical Love Feast.

Mr. Chairman and Beloved Brethren:

Methodism, a century and a half ago, was rocked in its cradle at Oxford. In its very infancy the spirit of the Great Founder of Christianity pervaded its entire being. Though

it the gospel was preached to the poor, the prisoner, the minor, the soldier, the slave, the outcast. Its influence was also felt powerfully in another direction. Full of divine love and celestial fire, it sent out into the dead forms of Protestantism an impulse, a vital influence, a holy zeal that will be felt during all time to come. Methodism full of the missionary spirit, full of the spirit of aggression and holy conquest has from its birth been leaping and bounding from continent to continent, from island to island, until it now belts the globe. Great, grand and glorious has been the work accomplished by the different branches of the great Methodist family; but greater far, grander far, and far more glorious is the work that has yet to be accomplished. It is the world's conversion to God, the consummation of his kingdom on earth. What part shall Methodism play in the great work before us? Shall it be as great and as glorious as that of the past, or shall it be greater and more glorious? It should be as much greater, as much more glorious than that of the past, as its Methodism today has a massive brain and a great heart, a strong hand and a swift foot. How shall these powers and activities be directed and increased so as to produce the grandest and most glorious results in the evangelization of the world? The full discussion of this and kindred subjects will be the object of the Ecumenical conference. We, as the representatives of one branch of the Methodist family, are ready to favor every measure looking to the advancement of our Redeemer's kingdom, to the subjugation of the whole world to Christ. Permit us to say that God teaches both in nature and revelation how to direct powers and activities. In the physical universe, in obedience to the wonderful law of subordination and limitation, the grand result of forces and activities is unity. Although these forces and activities, within certain range have the freest play, shooting

through and up into each other, yet the result is beauty, harmony, unity. Says nature, let the play of powers and activities be in the line of unity. Says revelation, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to live together in unity." God's great law, the mightiest force or activity in the universe, in obedience to which he would have all his intelligent beings move, is love. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself. Love is the very center of divine life. Around this center all God's children, the redeemed, the saints, and the angels in perfect harmony and glorious unity move. By this love we live in each other, and make each other's highest good our own. By this love every branch of the great Methodist family, yea, every branch of the Christian family will move in perfect harmony. Northern lines and Southern lines, national lines and color lines, and all other lines vibrating in dissonance will be washed out forever in the great ocean of God's eternal love, which has no shore, which has no bottom. Jesus Christ, in that wonderfully sublime and high priestly prayer, made just before his terrible agony in Gethsemane, beseeches the Father that his disciples may be one even as he and the Father are one. His great warm heart pulsating in love for the world, goes out in earnest supplication to the Father for the unity and oneness of his disciples, and for that of all his followers. Oneness should characterize the Christian church throughout the world.

This divine oneness is by no means incompatible with freedom of thought, with freedom of activity, but rather complimentary and mutual in all the forces tending toward the one great center of love. By the eternal spirit of love, God's children the world over are one. There is a joint sonship, a joint heirship with the only begotten Son of God, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This is the broad, deep, eternal foundation of

the communion of saints, unifying them, making them one in faith, one in love, one in their inward life, one in their holy aspirations, one in their hopes, one in their eternal destiny. This is a vital union, a union in the participation of the self same spirit of the one father in heaven. Love that takes the whole soul into God, and that makes every man a brother and another self will, most certainly not only bring representatives of every branch of the Methodist family together; but bind, cement and weld those branches together in one holy brotherhood, a brotherhood that takes in all God's children of every tongue, of every clime, of every condition.

A COLORED BISHOP.

Those who are members of the General Conference already know, but our nine thousand other patrons will not know, unless it is here stated, that the excitement over the question of the election of a Negro bishop has, in part, subsided as quickly as it arose. What tempests will sweep over the body when the report of the committee referred to on Saturday is presented it is impossible to predict: but at the date of this writing there is little occasion for hope on the one side or for fear on the other.

It is now seen that making a bishop of a Negro, simply because is a Negro and that would be the only real reason for doing it, now that the number required has been already made up—is neither apostolic, scriptural, traditional nor wise. It is one thing to reject a candidate for bishop on account of his race and color, and quite another thing to select him for the episcopate on account thereof.

Bishop Campbell once said in response to a Chicago delegation to his conference, "I am not so particular about a man's being black. If a young Negro comes to court my daughter I want to know if he is smart, and honest and pious. His black ain't going to help him any." The indications now are that the

majority will rule, and as there are more people in the church, as well as in the General Conference, who agree with the sentiments of the African Bishop Gampell than there are who hold the opposite view, we shall hardly have a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church elected on the ground of his race, color, or previous condition of servitude. The qualifications of a bishop are plainly set down in the New Testament, and there is nothing that indicates what his complexion ought to be.—Cincinnati Christian Advocate,

CORRECTIONS.

In our issue of Tuesday the Rev. Mr. Gains was reported as saying to Bishop Brown, "he would not sit down" when requested. We wish to state here that he did not say "he would not," but went on speaking.—Reporter.

In yesterday's "Recorder" the conference was reported as having included "Philadelphia" and Maryland in the Baltimore conference. The report, as adopted, included Maryland and the District of Columbia in the Baltimore conference.

CONGRATULATORY.

Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., LL. D., received congratulatory telegrams from Senator B. K. Bruce, Hon. J. Milton Turner, Lieutenant Governor Gleaves of South Carolina, and others upon his election to the Bishopric.

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J. F. Thomas, J. E. Haynes, W. A. J. Phillips, Jesse Bass, C. L. Harris, A. M. Green, James Porter.

EDUCATION.

W. F. Dickerson, R. H. Cahn, B. J. F. Lee, J. H. Hubbard, J. T. Jenifer, W. D. Johnson, H. A. Knight.

ROMANISM.

R. Fancett, M. T. Weir, J. W. Asbury, C. S. Jacobs, J. J. Sawyer, A. J. Chambers, J. F. S. Sisson.

ON BOUNDARIES.

F. J. Cooper, S. Sauls, Bedford Gren, John Turner, A. Grant, M. Ewd. Bryant, D. W. D. Schureman.

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T. G. Steward, M. B. Sauter, B. L. Brooks, J. McSmith, C. T. Schaeffer, W. Carson, W. W. Sampson, T. E. Green.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY.

W. H. Hunter, J. A. Handy, T. A. Thompson, P. A. Hubbard, W. G. Steward, E. H. H. Pettigrew, Nathan Mitchem.

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Sixteenth Day's Proceedings.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference assembled at 8:30 A. M., Rt. Rev. Bishop J. P. Campbell in the Chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. G. W. H. Williams, of the Georgia Conference. He read Psalm CXVI.

Hymn 938 was sung:

Our Father God who art in heaven,
All hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come: thy will be done
In heaven and earth the same.

Give us this day our daily bread,
And as we forgive
Who sin against us, so may we
Forgiving grace receive.

Into temptation lead us not,
From evil set us free;
And thine the kingdom, thine the power
And glory ever be.

After singing, the Rev. gentleman offered

PRAYER.

We thank thee, Heavenly Father, that thou hast preserved our unprofitable lives to see this morning, while many better than we are have passed away.

Help us, we pray thee, to be better in the future than we have been in the past. Oh! solemnize our hearts and draw us unto thyself. May our spirits be encouraged to go on working for thee until thou sayest, "It is enough; come up higher." Bless our officers of this General Conference. O Lord, enircle them with thine arm of protection. May this General Conference tend to unite us all into one band of fellowship. Give us all the blessings we need, and after this life gather us unto thy kingdom in glory, through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Reading Clerk, Mr. Goins, called the roll. The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday afternoon.

Rev. A. J. Carey moved that the minutes stand approved.

The minutes were approved.

Rev. M. M. Mance moved that the Conference reconsider the amendment passed yesterday on Rev. Mr. Haynes' resolution by which the boundary of the South Carolina conference was changed so as to include the counties of Orangeburg, Clarendon and Aiken.

Rev. Mr. Hayne spoke in opposition to Mr. Mance's motion.

Rev. H. Young made the point of order, that the gentleman's reference to the self-appointed delegate to South Carolina was irrelevant to the question.

Rev. Wm. Thomas of Columbia conference spoke in behalf of Bro. Mance's resolution. He said, they may give Aiken since the South Carolina conference desires it. It was

tried at two conferences to divide the boundary line between the South Carolina and Columbia conferences, but the boundary line could not be agreed upon.

Rev. Silas Jefferson desired that the General conference will leave the matter to be settled between the two conferences.

Reading Clerk B. B. Goins then read the following resolution which has been already adopted.

Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference shall include the following counties:

Beaufort, Charleston, Georgetown, Colleton, Barnwell, Orangeburg, Aiken, Clarendon, Williamsburg, Marion, Darlington, Marlboro, Chesterfield, Hampton and the rest of the State shall be included in the Columbia Conference.

The motion of Rev. M. M. Mance in regard to the above was lost and the committee's amendment adopted.

Rev. W. A. J. Phillips moved that Wilkesbarre, Scranton and Bloosburg be detached from the Pittsburg Conference, and be attached to the Philadelphia Conference. Lost.

Rev. R. M. Turner moved to detach Yardville and Stransburg from Philadelphia Conference and attach it to the New Jersey Conference. Carried.

Rev. P. A. Hubbard moved that the Kansas Conference remain as it is. Carried.

The Rev. John Turner gave notice that he would move to reconsider the action of the Conference in regard to the boundaries of the Kansas Conference.

Rev. C. L. Bradwell moved

to detach St. Mary's from East Florida conference, and attach it to Georgia conference. Adopted.

Sections 31, 34 were adopted, as reported by the committee.

The boundary of the S. Arkansas conference was allowed to remain as it is, the report on the committee on boundaries not being adopted in this case.

Rev. J. M. Townsend and A. Knight submitted the following resolution.

Whereas, We have already spent 15 days in the deliberations of this conference, and that the conditions surrounding us admonish that an early conclusion is demanded; therefore, he it

Resolved, that next Saturday, at 4 p. m., be set as the day and hour of final adjournment.

An amendment was offered to strike out the word "Saturday," and insert Tuesday the 25th inst. Carried.

Conference will, therefore, adjourn next Tuesday.

A resolution was offered setting apart 12 o'clock m., of Friday, for the election of General officers.

Carried.

Rev. R. W. Carson:

Whereas, At the last session of the Louisiana conference, held at Algiers, a unanimous vote was taken, whereby they were to have two conferences, known as Louisiana and North Louisiana, and the place of holding their conference was appointed; and

Whereas, As the Rev. A. M. Green opposed it then; therefore, he it

Resolved, That this conference sustain the action of the Louisiana conference by granting the division.

Resolution was adopted.

Rev. J. F. Thomas, of New York conference, submitted the report of the committee on

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT.

Bishop Payne then rose to a question of privilege; he submitted the following, which he asked to be placed on the minutes:

CONFERENCE ROOM,
May 20, 1880.

The minutes of this morning read,

'Bishop Shorter said, as to the lecture on 'education,' he would say that he had objections to Bro. T. McCann Stewart addressing the General conference."

1. He objected because we had here the President and ex President of Wilberforce University and a number of other men of the conference, who are from colleges, and have their 'parchments,' and still we want to take one outside.

2. He objected because the young man was not in full membership in any conference, and refused to be ordained in a conference, because he could not be ordained deacon and elder at once, and was now *in transitu* to another conference.

I want to ask that my answer be put on the record. It was substantially as follows:

I. I had nothing to do with inviting Professor Stewart to lecture here on education. I approve their course.

(a.) Because Prof. Stewart is a graduate of both the classical department and Law School of the University of South Carolina.

(b.) Because for two years he successfully practiced law in his own State.

(c.) Because for two years he acted as Professor of Mathematics in the State Agricultural College of South Carolina, and therefore he is competent to speak on education.

2. Prof. Stewart is a full member of the New Jersey conference, having been read in by me at the last session.

3. As to his ordination, the young man had good reasons for declining to be ordained; and if this conference could know his reasons, they would rise as one man and justify him. It is not to the interest or for the good of the church that the reasons be made public.

4. The young man is not *in transitu* to another conference. He came West to this General conference at my invitation, to act as my private secretary. Fraternally,

DANIEL A. PAYNE.

Rev. J. E. Hayne moved that the

document of Bishop Payne be placed on the records of this conference. Carried.

A motion was made allowing Bishop Shorter the same privilege as was accorded to Bishop Payne. Carried.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Wayman then submitted the following

PROGRAMME OF THE ORDINATION SERVICES.

W. F. Dickerson, H. M. Turner and W. H. Cain will be ordained at 3 o'clock. The following programme will be observed: After prayer and praise, Bishop Payne will deliver a sermon. The Collect will then be by Bishop Campbell, the Epistle by Bishop Shorter, and the Gospel, from St. John, by Bishop Brown. The bishops elect will be presented by Revs. Andrew Brown, C. T. Shaffer and W. E. Johnson, and will be addressed by Bishop Payne. The bishops will then sing the "Veni Creator Spiritus," and after prayer by Bishop Brown, Rev. H. M. Turner will be ordained by Bishop Payne, assisted by Elders A. T. Carr, W. J. Gaines, John B. Staunbury, J. W. Early and P. Toliver. Bishop Wayman will ordain Rev. W. F. Dickerson, assisted by Elders J. A. Handy, G. A. Shaffer, Deaton Dorell, John Turner and W. H. Hunter.

Dr. Cain will be ordained by Bishop Campbell and Elders J. M. Wilkerson, C. L. Bradwell, J. T. Jenifer, John J. Herbert and S. W. Drayton. The Bible will be delivered to the candidates by Bishop Payne. The communion will be administered by Bishop Brown, and Bishop Shorter will make the last prayer. Bishop Ward will dismiss the audience with the benediction.

The report of the committee on publication department was on motion of Rev. Peter Hubbard received.

Rev. W. D. Johnson moved to adopt the report by sections. Carried.

Section I. The head quarters of the Publication Department of the A. M. E. Church shall be located in Philadelphia, Penn.

Rev. Mr. Leek from N. Carolina

moved that the word "Philadelphia" be stricken out, and the words "Nashville, Tenn." be inserted.

Rev. G. H. Schaffer moved to amend by offering the following substitute:

Resolved, That this General Conference appoint a committee of three in each of the following cities: Cincinnati, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo., and Nashville, Tenn., whose duty it shall be to secure bids from responsible firms for the publishing of the CHRISTIAN RECORDER, Hymn Books, Disciplines, and such requisite as are usually published by our Book Concern, together with the amount of reliable subscription and a suitable place for Editors office, Business Managers office and a suitable room for a store can be had for either by hire or purchase.

II. It shall be the duty of the respective committees to make an official report of the results of their negotiations to the Book Committee within six months from the rise of this General Conference, including all the advantages and benefits to accrue to the Concern from said locality.

III. Upon the receipt of such reports by the Book Committee, they shall inform the Business Manager, Managing Editor, Trustees of the Book Concern and the Board of Bishops of the fact, when it shall be the duty of the above named to meet in joint session at the call of the Chairman of the committee and consider the reports of the three committees, and when they have decided upon the one most favorable, they shall notify the committee of the result of their deliberations, and thereby authorize the committee to proceed to secure suitable rooms for the Book Concern and close a contract with assistance of the Manager for the publication of the *Christian Recorder* from said place.

IV. The Financial Secretary shall, upon notice from the Book Committee of Philadelphia that arrangements to move the Concern have been effected, pay, upon an order of the Book Committee, signed by the President

and Secretary, of the amount necessary to liquidate the debts upon the Concern not held by members of our own Church or secured by mortgage or law on real estate from any moneys he may have in hand at the time.

V. When the above arrangements have been effected for the removal of the Concern, it shall be the duty of the Business Manager, together with the Editor, to proceed at once to publish the paper from said place, and remove all movable materials, stock, presses and books belonging to the Concern to said place, and there locate the Concern.

VI. The Bishops shall have power at the joint meeting, when the decision to move the Concern is made, to appoint a Book Committee of Five, all in close proximity to the city in which the Concern is located, whose prerogatives and duties shall be the same as the original Book Committee, with which they shall be fully vested from the time of the removal forward in accordance with the laws and usages of the Church in their case.

The new Book Committee shall consist of three itinerant preachers and two laymen, all of whom shall be members of the A. M. E. Church.

VII. Should one or more of the local committees above named fail to make a report within the time allotted, the Joint Board shall act upon the one or more submitted, and should it appear upon examination that the bid or bids submitted are more reasonable than the present extortive price we are paying for the publishing of the *Christian Recorder*, it shall be their duty to act as if all had submitted their reports.

Resolved, That the provisions of this chapter shall be strenuously and unwaveringly carried into execution, and that any person or persons who fails to comply with the above shall be deemed recreant to his trust and any who refuses censurable by this General Conference.

On the removal of the concern it shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to place one thousand dol-

lars to the credit of the manager for the immediate use of the concern.

We also recommend to place the subscription of the *Christian Recorder* at \$1.50 per annum, instead of \$2.00 as it is at present.

G. H. SCHAFER,
BEDFORD GREEN.

Rev. G. Schaffer supplemented his substitute with a very able speech.

Rev. J. F. Thomas opposed the substitute. He did not believe in putting away a thing that has been practically put in operation for a mere theoretical substitute.

Rev. W. H. Hunter spoke in opposition to the substitute in a lengthy speech followed by Dr. H. M. Turner who said that the Publication Department cannot be removed; if it is removed, only a shadow will be removed, there is no money to do it with; the men may be removed but not the concern.

Rev. C. L. Bradwell the traveling agent next spoke. He said if there is no change the subscriptions will go down to next to nothing. He referred to Bishops Campbell, Wayman and Ward to verify the statement that during the past quadrennial the subscription dwindled down steadily, the men refusing to subscribe for the paper. That during the last year, particularly, he was entirely without argument, and had to actually beg the men to subscribe. If the paper remains in Philadelphia something must be done to restore confidence in the people. There are hundreds of ministers and people who get papers twice as large for less money, and they say "why can't our paper be as large and as cheap as the mass of papers?"

Rev. J. E. Hayne next spoke against the removal. He took the position that the concern is not the property of the conference as whole, and cannot be removed without the consent of the building and loan association, and this cannot be done.

A vote was taken Rev. Mr. Schaffer's substitute, and it was lost by a

vote of 88 nays to 55 yeas.

Elder Embry, by permission of the conference, asked that the conference allow the funeral service of John D. S. Ferrier a late attorney of the bar in this city, to be held in this church on Friday the 21st inst. at 2 o'clock. The request was granted.

Doxology was then sung.

Benediction by Rev. W. M. Thomas of the Columbia conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference assembled at 3 p. m. for the purpose of setting apart Revs. H. M. Turner, D.D., LL.D., R. H. Cain, D.D., and W. F. Dickerson, D.D., by ordination to discharge the duties of the Episcopacy.

About half an hour before the appointed time the church was crowded to overflowing, and many had to resort to the gallery to find seats. In the audience were several whites, prominent among whom are Rev. W. K. Marshall, pastor of the Central Methodist church, corner of 24th and Morgan sts.; Rev. J. K. Tuttle, pastor of the Methodist church, Dresden, Mo. The Organist for the occasion was Rev. Silas Jefferson, of the South Carolina Conference. The choir consisted of Revs. T. H. Jackson, D.D., C. O. H. Thomas, A. M., S. B. Salter, M. M. Mance, B. H. Williams, J. N. Triplett, and J. Watson of Kansas City, Mo. At 3:05 p. m. the choir sang hymn 259:

Come holy spirit, heavenly dove,
With all thy quick'ning powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

Look how we grovel here below,
Fond of these earthly joys;
Our souls how heavily they go
To reach eternal joys,

In vain we tune our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues
And our devotion dies.

And shall we then forever live
At this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee
And thine to us so great,

Come holy spirit, heavenly dove
With all thy quick'ning power;
Come shed abroad a Savior's love
In these cold hearts of ours.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Wayman gave out hymn 303:

Let Zion's watchmen all awake
And take the alarm they give,
Now let them from the mouth of God
Their awful charge receive.

'Tis not a cause of small import
The pastor's care demands;
But woe might fill an angel's heart
And filed a Savior's hand.

May they that Jesus when they preach
Their own Redeemer see,
And watch daily o'er their souls
That they may watch for thee.

Rt. Rev. T. M. D. Ward, D.D., then offered

PRAYER:

Our heavenly Father, we would appeal to thee that thou shouldst meet us at this time, that our ignorance may be scattered by the fountain of wisdom from on high. We come in thy name in behalf of the great and powerful religious organization feeling our responsibility to God and to man, both the world at present as well as to prosperity. Give us a right conception of our responsibility. O God, thou who hast been our help and shield in times past, be with us at this time. Bless these brethren whom we have come to consecrate. We pray thee to pour out upon them the holy ghost in order that they may be able subsequently to faithfully discharge the duties of their responsible office. We entered, O God, upon this work in the midst of slavery, but thou hast kept us to this hour; O help, grant that as we transfer this sacred office to them they may be endowed with power from on high. Prepare them for their duties, and whilst the bishops shall lay hands upon their heads grant that the Holy Ghost may descend upon them.

O Lord bless the General Conference, bless all the episcopal districts and may all those young men that have come up from them be lights in darkness; and when we

have done meeting in general conference, may we with Allen and Quinn and Brown and Roberson and this Hosts of heaven meet in heaven, and to God will we ascribe the praise now and forever. Amen.

Rt. Rev. James A. Shorter gave out hymn 276.

The praise of Zion waits for thee
My God; and praise becomes thy house,
There shall thy saints thy glory see
And there perform their public vows.

O thou whose mercy bends the skies,
To save when humble sinners pray
All lands to thee shall lift their eyes,
And grateful isles of every sea.

Soon shall the flock if nations run
To Zion's hill, and own their Lord;
The rising and the setting sun
Shall see the Saviors name adored.

Rt. Rev. Daniel A. Payne then preached the ordination sermon taking for his text the IV chapter of Pauls Epistle to the Corinthians, the first four verses: "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and Stewards of the mysteries of God; who recover it is required in Stewards, that a man be found faithful," &c.

There are two things taught, in this passage: the first is the rank of Christian ministers, the other is the duty to be faithful. What is their rank? Nothing more than servants. The Lord Jesus Christ has himself styled them his servants. He is the architect—the architect of the building, planning out the work for his ministers—his workmen. He is the chief son of this household directing his servants.

Now we are here told by Paul that we are to consider ourselves as servants. The apostle Paul rebuke the spirit of the primitive Christians, which prompted them to call themselves servants of Apollos and of Cephas. Hence the apostle says, "I, Paul, the chief of the apostles, exhort you." Let a man so account of himself as the minister of Christ. It is a title meaning nothing more than a servant, hence the titles deacons, elders and bishops simply indicate the different ranks of the

servants of Christ. But we are not only servants of the most subordinate ranks, but we are also to be recognized as stewards. Stewards are regarded as somewhat higher in rank than ministers, inasmuch as they are entrusted with somewhat greater responsibilities than ministers. This is one of the mysteries of the Church which cannot be comprehended by the human mind. If you would understand these mysteries you should read the fifteenth chapter of Paul's letter to the Corinthians. I cannot here take time to explain these mysteries, but the apostle has very fully treated them in that chapter. Now what are these truths? They are various. They consist of spiritual duties and moral duties, of spiritual obligations and moral obligations. Now in order that a man may be faithful to these duties it is necessary that he should read these truths. And I am glad to know that you, brethren, can read all these truths in the Hebrew language. Now when these truths are learned, if you give the heart as well the mind, you will be able to disseminate them after discrimination. You can see the fit from the unfit, the proper from the improper, and as you go onward and upward, advancing in age, you will thereby be enabled to remain steadfast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made you free. To be faithful you must not corrupt the word of God. As officers in the Church of God you should not forget that there is a judge of all the earth. Remember that in all your actions God is always present. Again, you are not only to be faithful as stewards of the divine mysteries, but you are required to be faithful to the African Methodist Episcopal Church. You are the servants of this Church by which you are called to fill the office to which you are to be set apart. O, that God may make you faithful. You must be above bribery brethren. A man once came and offered me \$100 to do something which he was not entitled to. I set him off so far that neither he nor any

one else ever came to me again on a similar errand. You must also be above the fear of man. Read the 1st Psalm and there you will find the character which you ought to possess. You must be faithful in the dispensation of the laws of the Methodist church. In the discipline you will find certain laws by which you are to be guided—adhere to them God being your helper. Whatever may be your convictions in discharging your respective duties bring them to this book—the Bible, and let it be your guide.

Now, in the course of your administration you may expect two sets of men—friends and enemies, but if you are faithful to the book of books—the Bible, the enemies of your Master cannot harm you. But you may be as wise as Solomon, you may be possessed of all the arts and sciences unless you are faithful you must be upset. Be ye faithful unto death and God will give a crown of life, O, that God will make you faithful servants, loyal servants, dutiful servants. Now brethren I have abstained from any flowery language and tried to give you just your Christian duty. In the language of Paul be strong in the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The three candidates were then escorted before the altar and formed a semi-circle; Rev. Dr. Turner by Rev. Andrew Brown, Rev. Dr. Dickerson by Rev. G. H. Shaffer, Rev. Dr. Cain by Rev. William A. Johnson.

The services for the ordination of Bishops was then proceeded with. Bishop Campbell read the collect; Bishop Brown read the Epistle taken from Acts xx, 17, 35. Bishop Shorter read the Gospel St. John xxi, 15—17.

Rev. Andrew Brown, of Georgia Conference, presented Rev. H. M. Turner, saying Rev. Father in God, we present unto you this holy man, H. M. Turner, to be ordained Bishop.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer presented the Rev. W. F. Dickerson, saying the

same words.

Rev. William A. Johnson presented Rev. R. H. Cain, saying the same words.

Bishop Payne catechised the candidates. They having answered satisfactorily all questions Bishop Payne asked the audience to bow in silent prayer.

The *Veni Spiritus Creator* was then said.

Bishop Campbell offered prayer invoking the praise of God on the candidates.

Dr. H. M. Turner was first ordained, Bishop Payne, Elder A. T. Carr, W. J. Gaines, J. B. Stansbury, J. W. Early and P. Tolliver laying hands upon him.

Bishop Wayman ordained Rev. W. F. Dickerson, assisted by Elders J. A. Handy, G. H. Shaffer, Deaton Dorrell, John Turner and W. H. Hunter.

Dr. Cain was ordained by Bishop Campbell, assisted by Elders J. M. Wilkerson, C. L. Bradwell, J. T. Jenifer, J. J. Herbert and S. W. Drayton.

The Bible was delivered by Bishop Payne.

Bishops Brown and Shorter administered the sacrament of the Holy Communion.

Bishop Brown read the closing prayer, after which the members of the conference partook of the Holy Communion.

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Amid the storm of hate and ire,
That roared with spiteful wrath;
He like a shaft of living fire,
Poured brightness on our path.

When freedom's squadrons quailed and fled
Before the oppressors' power;
He to the stubborn conflict led;
The men who never cower.

That voice which plead the Negroes' cause,
Is hushed forever more,
Free from earth's tumults and its noise,
His trials all are o'er.

Far off on bleak New England's hills;
Where freedom dreads no fears,
There the immortal Haven fills
A grave besprent with tears.

The Southern breeze bears on its wing
The sobbings of the poor,
But he for whom these dirges ring
Dwells on the sunbright shore.

Then hope and trust and work and pray
Nor from the contest fly,
For he who leads will win the day,
Then yield not tho' ye die.

RULES OF ORDER AND GOVERNMENT.

For the Government of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, held in Atlanta, Georgia, commencing May 1st, 1876.

1st. The Conference shall convene at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered.

2nd. The President shall take the air at the precise hour to which the Conference stood adjourned; and cause the Holy Scriptures to be read, singing and prayer, and on the appearance of a quorum (one third) shall have the Journal of the preceding day read—which Journal shall be approved (with corrections if necessary); after which business shall proceed in the following order: 1. Reconsiderations if any. 2. Unfinished business. 3. Reports of Standing or Special Committees. 4. Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials, Appeals. But notice of all motions to reconsider the action of the previous day must be given while the Journal is being read, unless the said notice was

announced on the day previous; otherwise, the Chair shall disregard them. The President shall strictly require the order or orders of the day to be taken up and considered at the time appointed, unless otherwise directed by a two-thirds vote.

3d. The President shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the President and appellant shall only be heard.

4th. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered; but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time, unless on a special committee.

10th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes at the time, without special permission (unless to correct wilful misrepresentation); nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, though he may represent another by his consent.

11th. When any member rise and speak it shall be the duty of the speaker to announce the name of the Chair and his conference.

12th. No member shall absent himself from the Conference without permission from the Chair, unless he is sick, or otherwise unable to attend.

13th. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by special permission.

15th. All questions pertaining to Petitions, Resolutions, or Amendments to charge the Discipline, shall first be read before the conference and lie over a day before being altered, rescinded or repealed, if desired by one-third of the Conference, unless on the last day of its session.

16th. All resolutions offered to amend, enlarge or change the phraseology of the Book of Discipline shall be read three consecutive times before the Conference, if desired by any member, and referred to the ap-

propriate committee if necessary.

17th. The previous question shall never be demanded upon any resolution before two members shall have been heard *pro* and *con*, if desired.

18th. A motion to lay an amendment upon the table removes the whole question from before the house for the present, and if not lifted from the table is equal to an indefinite postponement of the subject; but it does not destroy the right of the further consideration of the question at any future time.

19th. Privileged questions are as follows: 1. Motion to adjourn. 2. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference. 3. Motions relating to members individually. 4. Motion for the orders of the day.

20th. When a question of order is raised, all other business must be suspended until the point is settled. The President must decide the point without debate, subject to an appeal to the Conference. But nothing is a point of order that does not involve a supposed breach of the Rules or special Orders.

21st. Reasonable time shall be given for the minority to report, before final action shall be taken upon the report of the majority.

26th. There shall be two Marshals appointed and two Alternates, whose duty it shall be to protect the bar of the Conference from the encroachment of persons not entitled to seats therein, and to assist the President in maintaining order, whenever instructed to do so by the said presiding officer:

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ceedings.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference met at 8:30, Rt. Rev.
 T. M. D. Ward in the Chair.
 Religious services were conducted
 by Rev. W. R. Carson, of Texas Con-
 ference.

Scripture read, Matthew V.
 Hymn 885 was sung:

Great is the Lord, our God,
 And let his praise be great:
 He makes his churches his abode,
 His most delightful seat.

These temples of his grace,
 How beautiful they stand!
 The honors of our native place
 And bulwarks of our land.

In Zion God is known,
 A refuge in distress;
 How bright has his salvation shone
 Through all his palaces.

In every new distress
 We'll to his house repair;
 We'll think upon his wondrous grace
 And seek deliverance there.

The reverend gentleman then, in a
 short prayer, invoked divine blessing

upon the Conference to-day.

The calling of the roll was dis-
 pensed with.

The Secretary was asked to read
 the minutes, and did so.

On motion of Rev. James Porter,
 the minutes were approved.

The next business was the report
 of the Committee on Publication De-
 partment which was laid over yester-
 day.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

SEC. II.—It shall be under the
 control and regulation of a general
 business manager and an editor. The
 manager is to have charge of the bus-
 iness operations of the Publication
 Department. The editor to edit the
 publications of the Department.

Rev. E. P. Homes moved its adop-
 tion.

SEC. III.—The publications of the
 Department shall be the *Christian Re-
 corder*, a Sabbath-school Weekly, a
 M. E. Quarterly Review and Ladies'
 Magazine, with such books and requi-
 sites as may be deemed profitable
 to the Church, with consent of the
 Board, and as the publication funds
 of the Department may justify.

Rev. W. J. Gaines offered to amend
 by including the "African Methodist
 Episcopal Advocate," to be pub-
 lished in Alabama.

Rev. W. H. Hunter opposed the
 amendment. He wanted to call the
 attention of the brethren to the fact
 that the Connection cannot afford to
 have so many publications. He
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 azine, the Sabbath-school periodical
 and every other publication except

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 as provided for in the amendment of
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Rev. J. E. Hayne is surprised that
 a gentleman with Rev. Hunter's ex-
 perience should make such a motion.
 The Connection was growing fast.
 The Sabbath-schools were increasing
 in numbers and attendants. Our
 people are paying more attention to
 reading now than formerly. This
 literature is demanded, and if the
 Connection does not furnish it
 the people must seek it elsewhere.
 He hopes the motion of Dr. Hunter
 will be so deeply buried as not to be
 resurrected even at the last day.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer then offered a
 substitute for the two amendments to
 establish a branch publishing house
 in a southern city investing it with
 the same powers as the publishing
 house in Philadelphia.

Rev. I. H. Jackson opposed the
 substitute of Rev. G. H. Shaffer.

Rev. Mr. Stansbury thought Mr.
 Jackson was out of order and that
 the chair should sustain Rev. Mr.
 Shaffer. The latter in a vigorous
 speech supported his substitute and
 showed the wisdom and necessity of
 it. His speech was interrupted with
 applause several times by the south-
 ern delegations.

Rev. W. J. Gaines: I am opposed
 to the substitute and am in favor of
 my amendment.

A general confusion here ensued
 several members being on the floor
 and attempting to speak.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer was asked for

a second reading of his substitute and proceeded.

Resolved, that a branch publishing house be established in the city of _____, and it shall be endowed with the same rights and prerogatives as the publishing house of Philadelphia, Pa., as provided for in the discipline of the church. That there be an editor, and business manager created for it, and that the management be required to submit a full statement of all receipts, expenditures, &c., to the publishing house in Philadelphia, &c., &c.

Another confusion.

Several members on the floor.

A voice. "We can't run one publishing house! How are we going to run two?"

A member. Lay the motion on the table. I make a motion to that effect. When order was restored.

Rev. J. C. Embry said there are a few of us who enjoy a bad chance of getting in a word even edgeways.

A vote was taken on Rev. G. H. Shaffer's substitute to establish a branch publishing house, resulting yeas 58, nays 68. The substitute was therefore lost.

A vote was then taken on the amendment of Rev. W. J. Gaines. yeas 70, nays 17. Carried.

A vote on section III resulted yeas 91, nays 1. Adopted.

The chair was given up to the new bishop Dr. H. M. Turner amid tremendous applause.

Brethren I am lost for words to express myself at this time I will say however that I shall endeavor to do my duty without respect to person. Of course I cannot do so if you will not allow me, if you will continually rain points of order, etc. I beg to say to you that as a new bishop I shall do all I can to further the interest of the connection.

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to them by Miss F. E. Barbour in his care. Her letter reads:

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On the presentation of the bouquet the conference applauded, and Bishops Turner, Cain and Dickerson rose.

The adoption of the report of the committee on publication department.

Section IV and V were adopted as reported.

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Rev. Hunter wanted to know in whose judgment is the assistance to be granted.

The Clerk said the board. Section adopted.

Section VII. It shall be the duty of the business manager to furnish the Annual Conferences, book stewards, such books and catalogues as they may require, and that the moneys be remitted at least after ninety days.

Rev. C. Asbury offered an amendment providing that the book stewards be allowed a salary of \$200 per annum. He said that many honest men have got themselves in a muddle from the fact that they have in close places appropriated the trust money to their own use, supposing that when the time comes for them to remit they would have their own money, but were disappointed.

Rev. J. W. Early could not realize the fact that any of the brethren are so dishonest as to misappropriate the book money to their own use. He thinks the C. D. plan the safest.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas wants to know whether this measure is a *sine qua non* to the faithful discharge of their duty as book-stewards. I am not in favor of the resolution from the fact that it is the infringement of their moral rights.

A vote was then taken on the motion shall the book-stewards be put under \$250 bonds. Lost.

The section was adopted.

Section VIII. All books sent to the ministers shall be sent on the C. O. D. plan, and if they fail to take them out they should be charged by the business manager by person or by letter and be dealt with as in cases of inefficiency.

Rev. Jackson moved to strike out so much of the section as says one-fourth of the retail price shall be discounted from the purchase made by ministers.

Rev. J. W. Wilkerson offered a resolution providing that any who shall be indebted to the sum of \$5 shall be left without an appointment. Lost.

The Section was adopted.

Sec. IX. All travelling preachers shall subscribe for the CHRISTIAN RECORDER.

Rev. Shaffer moved to amend by inserting "Local preachers," and "Exhorters" after travelling preachers.

Revs. J. F. Jenifer, Gardner and Powers spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Rev. F. W. Leek moved to lay the motion on the table.

A vote was taken on the amendment to compel Local Preachers and Exhorters to take the paper—the RECORDER. Lost.

Sec. X. The columns of the RECORDER shall be opened to the Bishops and general officers of the church for their official publication. A motion was made to amend by including all ministers. Carried. The section was adopted with the amendment.

Sec. XI. The General Manager shall not be allowed to make any con-

tract, or give any note, using his official name, thereby making the Department liable without the permission of the Board. Adopted.

Brother B. B. Goins moved to adopt the report of the Committee on Publication as a whole. Carried.

Rev. J. F. Thomas moved that as much of the report as refers to the indebtedness of the Publication Department be referred to the Publishing Board at Philadelphia. This motion was occasioned by the claim of the Rev. W. H. Hunter.

Bishop J. P. Campbell was opposed to Rev. Hunter's claim *in toto*. He opposed the claim in the Board of Finance, and gave his reasons.

Rev. W. J. Goins spoke strongly in favor of Rev. Mr. Hunter's claim. He said the conference has to pay Rev. Hunter, inasmuch as he has the notes of the manager of the Financial Board. He therefore moved to strike off \$258 from the supplementary report of the Committee on P. D., and insert \$958.88.

Rev. J. E. Hayne opposed the motion. He said Rev. Hunter having accepted a substitute from the Trustees of the Book Concern cannot collect money on the notes of the Financial Board.

If Brother Hunter is owed, he must hold Brother Burley's bondsman.

Rev. W. H. Hunter said he has no idea that the ministers of the gospel of the Son of God intended to rob him. He gave a detailed account of the manner in which the notes were given and the circumstances connected. The first note was due and went to protest in Philadelphia; the same fate befell the second note. The amount of the third note was about \$259; of this he received about \$127 worth of books. The other notes went to protest—*singulos singuli*.

Rev. Mr. Embry said he had no reply for Rev. Hunter, but he must say something to set the matter in its proper light. He confessed that he, like Bishop Campbell, was somewhat prejudiced against Brother Hunter's

claim—although he has no intention of questioning his integrity and pure motive, but it seems a strange thing—a very strange thing—that a man with the business tact of Rev. Mr. Hunter should allow himself to be implicated to the very large amount of \$2,000 with the Financial board. Looking at the matter from a business stand-point, he feels that the General Conference has no right to go into the business of book keeping. The business of the conference is to leave matters with the book-keeper.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer thought that this conference ought to settle this matter at once, in order that the conference may be able to judge of the efficiency of the present officers before the election is gone in o.

By motion, the election of officers was postponed to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

The Rev. J. C. Embry offered as a substitute that the whole matter be referred to the Board of Publication for special adjustment.

A vote was taken on Rev. J. C. Embry's substitute, resulting in 49 yeas to 58 nays.

A vote was taken on Rev. W. J. Gaines' motion, resulting in 92 yeas to 12 nays. Carried.

In the second section of the supplementary report the administration of the business manager was commended.

In the third section the committee catalogized the editor of the RECORDER, B. T. Tanner, and recommended his re-election.

The portion which referred to the re-election of Editor B. T. Tanner was not adopted. By motion of G. H. Shaffer it was referred till 12 o'clock to-morrow.

The committee recommended the election of Theodore Gould as Business Manager of the RECORDER. Postponed till to-morrow.

The matter of the account of Rev. C. L. Bradwell, Traveling Agent of the Book Concern, was, by motion

of Rev. C. T. Shaffer, referred to a special committee.

Rev. Silas Jefferson moved that to-morrow, 10 o'clock, be set apart to hear the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. H. Townsend said two or three days ago he submitted his report, the ladies' report and that of the secretaries of several conferences. With regard to the last he is not responsible, but considers himself responsible only for his special report.

The committee appointed to investigate the account of Rev. C. L. Bradwell consists of the following gentlemen:

Rev. G. H. Shaffer,
" S. W. Beard,
" S. H. Robertson,
" T. F. Jackson,
" Jos. F. Thompson,
" D. D. Smith,
" Rev. Jas. A. Handy.

It was moved that the report of Rev. Townsend's predecessor be heard at 3 o'clock this p. m. Carried.

A motion was made to seat Rev. Bryant, alternate, in place of Rev. _____, withdrawn. Lost.

The Committee on Revision submitted their report and recommended that the Discipline be read over and adopted section by section, inasmuch as there are 125 bills before the committee, and, in view of the time set for final adjournment, the committee cannot possibly be ready before next Tuesday to report.

A motion was made to refer the report back to the committee by Rev. J. Stansbury.

Rev. E. Hammet opposed the motion. He said the committee met and looked over the bills, and from their number and the subjects embraced were such as the committee could not deal with them and report in time for this conference.

The chairman, Bishop Turner, suggested that the committee examine the bills and report only those which they find worthy of reporting.

Rev. A. M. Green moved that a committee of one from each episcopal

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Rev. M. B. Salter, of S. Carolina, began the exercises with—

"Wisdom Divine! who tells the price Of wisdom's costly merchandise."

Bishop Campbell led in prayer.

The Conference choir then sang—

"To the Rock let us fly."

Prof. T. McCann Stewart was then introduced.

He took for his subject—Education the basis of the perpetuity and progress of the A. M. E. Church. He spoke for an hour and a quarter.

Bishop-elect Turner moved that the Professor be asked for the manuscript of his logical, philosophical, classical and eloquent lecture for publication.

Dr. Turner said that the lecture

was one of the most systematic reviews of the subject he ever heard.

Dr. James H. A. Johnson said he certainly was highly gratified; he was more impressed with the fact that Bishop Payne understands our educational wants than ever before in his life; that if Bishop Payne and Dr. Dickerson had failed to secure the services of Prof. Stewart they would have been derelict in their duty.

Bishop Campbell said: As for me it is the best address on the subject I ever heard in my life.

The Resolution of Bishop-elect Turner was then unanimously and enthusiastically passed.

President Lee of Wilberforce led in prayer.

Benediction pronounced by Bishop Wayman.

RULES OF ORDER AND GOVERNMENT.

For the Government of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, held in Atlanta, Georgia, commencing May 1st, 1876.

1st. The Conference shall convene at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered.

2nd. The President shall take the air at the precise hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the Holy Scriptures to be read, singing and prayer, and on the appearance of a quorum (one third) shall have the Journal of the preceding day read—which Journal shall be approved (with corrections if necessary); after which business shall proceed in the following order: 1. Reconsiderations if any. 2. Unfinished business. 3. Reports of Standing or Special Committees. 4. Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials, Appeals. But notice of all motions to reconsider the action of the previous day must be given while the Journal is being read, unless the said notice was

announced on the day previous; otherwise, the Chair shall disregard them. The President shall strictly require the order or orders of the day to be taken up and considered at the time appointed, unless otherwise directed by a two-thirds vote.

3d. The President shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the President and appellant shall only be heard.

4th. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered; but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time, unless on a special committee.

10th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes at the time, without special permission (unless to correct wilful misrepresentation); nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, though he may represent another by his consent.

11th. When any member rise and speak it shall be the duty of the speaker to announce the name of the Chair and his conference.

12th. No member shall absent himself from the Conference without permission from the Chair, unless he is sick, or otherwise unable to attend.

13th. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by special permission.

15th. All questions pertaining to Petitions, Resolutions, or Amendments to charge the Discipline, shall first be read before the conference and lie over a day before being altered, rescinded or repealed, if desired by one-third of the Conference, unless on the last day of its session.

16th. All resolutions offered to amend, enlarge or change the phraseology of the Book of Discipline shall be read three consecutive times before the Conference, if desired by any member, and referred to the ap-

propriate committee if necessary.

17th. The previous question shall never be demanded upon any resolution before two members shall have been heard *pro* and *con*, if desired.

18th. A motion to lay an amendment upon the table removes the whole question from before the house for the present, and if not lifted from the table is equal to an indefinite postponement of the subject; but it does not destroy the right of the further consideration of the question at any future time.

19th. Privileged questions are as follows: 1. Motion to adjourn. 2. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference. 3. Motions relating to members individually. 4. Motion for the orders of the day.

20th. When a question of order is raised, all other business must be suspended until the point is settled. The President must decide the point without debate, subject to an appeal to the Conference. But nothing is a point of order that does not involve a supposed breach of the Rules or special Orders.

21st. Reasonable time shall be given for the minority to report, before final action shall be taken upon the report of the majority.

26th. There shall be two Marshals appointed and two Alternates, whose duty it shall be to protect the bar of the Conference from the encroachment of persons not entitled to seats therein, and to assist the President in maintaining order, whenever instructed to do so by the said presiding officer.

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Eighteenth Day's Pro-
ceedings.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference met at 8:30, a. m.
Bishop H. M. Turner in the chair.
Opening services (religious) were
conducted by Rev. A. J. Cary, of
Arkansas conference. Opening
hymn:

Lord of the harvest, hear
Thy needy servants cry;
Answer our faith's effectual prayer,
And all our wants supply.

On thee we humbly wait,
Our wants are in thy view,
The harvest, truly Lord, is great,
The laborers are few.

Convert and send forth more
Into thy church abroad,
And let them speak the word of power
As workers with their God.

Oh! let them spread thy name,
Their mission fully prove;
Thy universal grace proclaim,
Thine all-redeeming love.

Scripture lessons, viii psalm.
The reverend gentleman then offer-
ed the following

PRAYER.

Oh! merciful God, we thank Thee

that thou hast blessed us through all
our days unto this moment. We
thank thee that thou hast watched
over us during the night, and per-
mitted us to be here this morning. We
would ask thee, our heavenly Father,
that whilst we come to legislate for
the church to give us calm self-pos-
session and deliberate wisdom. Bless
this General Conference session, and
grant, Oh! Lord, that when we shall
have departed from this place, it may
be said that we are men of God, help-
ing to advance his kingdom upon
earth. Bless, we pray thee, the pre-
siding officers. Help them to so pre-
side over our deliberations that much
good may be done in the name of Je-
sus, and grant that sin in the high
places may be abolished.

Hear us and answer us, and when
the word is finished, save us for
Christ's sake.—Amen.

The reading of the roll was dis-
pensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's session
were read and approved.

Rev. P. A. Hubbard, of Kansas,
said yesterday he gave notice that he
would move a reconsideration of
the action of Conference in giving R.
W. Hunter \$958 58; he would, there-
fore, submit the following resolution:

Whereas, It has been stated on the
floor of this General Conference that
the former Financial Secretary, the
Rev. W. H. Burley did misplace a
large sum of money belonging to our
church; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Bishops are
kindly asked to state in plain words,
to this General Conference, whether
or not the Rev. Burley had bonds-

men. If he did not, to say who is
responsible.

Resolved, Further that the officers
giving him control of the Treasury be
responsible for the money lost.

Rev. Jackson suggested that the
matter be considered at 3 p. m. to-day
by the Conference in executive ses-
sion.

Rev. W. J. Gains' substitute of
yesterday was taken up as unfinished
business.

The substitute provides that there
shall be a Financial Secretary and
Treasury established in connection
with each Annual Conference.

The roll was called and a vote
was taken, resulting: Yeas 61; nays
85. The substitute was therefore
lost.

Rev. W. R. Carson moved that the
section be adopted as reported.

Carried.

Rev. Mr. Leek gave notice that he
would move a reconsideration.

Rev. W. E. Johnson asked, does the
vote on the substitute destroy the
substitute.

The Chair. I so rule.

Mr. Johnson claimed that only one
section of the substitute is destroyed
and not the whole.

Section 2. The Board of Man-
agers shall be composed of 9 mem-
bers instead of 13, as at present;
namely: one of the Bishops, the Fi-
nancial Secretary, four ministers and
three laymen.

Rev. J. E. Haynes moved to strike
out so much of the section as relates
to any of the Bishops being members
of the Financial board.

Rev. P. A. Hubbard was opposed

to any person being a member of the Financial Board who is paid by that board, except the Financial Secretary.

Rev. J. C. Embury spoke against Rev. M. Haynes' amendment. He held that it is good Methodism that the bishops should preside over all the societies of the church.

Rev. Dr. Tanner said that if we are guided by the examples of the other Methodist denominations we would certainly have one of the bishops in the financial board. We are drifting from one extreme to the other. During the last quadrennial the board was all bishops; now it is proposed to have none.

A vote was taken on the motion to strike out the name of the bishop and insert five itinerant elders. Carried.

The section, as amended, reads: The board of managers shall be composed of nine members, namely, five itinerant ministers, the financial secretary and three laymen. Adopted.

Section 3. If any minister having charge in the convention fail to raise the dollar money in proportion to the membership of his church, he shall be reported by the bishop and annual conference of his district to the committee on dollar money, who shall investigate the matter; and if it is found to be through neglect or inefficiency he shall by a vote of this conference be reprov'd for the first offense, and if he still fails during the next conference year he shall be suspended or dismissed from the conference.

This section provoked a fierce debate, nearly all the members opposing it.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer offered the following amendment:

Strike out so much as refers to ministers being reported at the preceding conference and insert the number of members reported by him to the sitting annual conference.

Rev. B. Stansbury moved that Rev. Shaffer's amendment be laid on the table.

The second reading of the amendment was called for.

Rev. J. T. Jenifer asked whether

laying the amendment on the table would not carry the section with it.

The Chair—It will. I so rule.

A vote was taken on the motion to lay on the table and lost.

Rev. O. P. Ross offered the following: The preacher shall present to the annual conference a certified statement of members of his charge at their quarterly conference.

Rev. Shaffer having accepted Rev. Ross' amendment, a vote was taken on Rev. Shaffer's amendment and Rev. Ross' amendment to the amendment, and resulted, yeas 52, nays 50. The whole was, therefore, carried.

A motion was made to strike out the penalty for not bringing the dollar money, and lost.

The section, as amended, was adopted.

Section 4 provides that the board of managers shall have power to remove an inefficient or otherwise unqualified secretary when it is clear that his removal is necessary for the best interest of the church.

Provided, however, that an immediate investigation shall be had in his case as provided for in our discipline in cases of itinerant preachers.

The board of managers together with the board of bishops shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in the financial board during the interval of the general conference.

Rev. J. T. Jenifer offered the following amendment: Strike out the word "bishops" and insert "the board." Amendment adopted.

Rev. A. M. Foley offered the following amendment: It shall be the duty of the financial secretary to submit annually an itemized account of receipts and disbursements made by the board, and from and to the annual conferences on or before their yearly sessions for their information.

Rev. B. F. Porter submitted an amendment to the amendment to "strike out the word financial secretary wherever it occurs and insert the committee of nine shall perform all the duties devolving upon the financial secretary, and receive for their serv-

ices their traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting, and that an additional elder be added to the committee. This committee of nine shall make quarterly and annual reports to the entire connection and a quadrennial report to the general conference.

Rev. J. N. Fitzpatrick offered a substitute for the amendment to the amendment, requiring the Financial Secretary to give a bond of \$10,000.

A vote was taken on it, resulting in yeas 51 nays 42.

The substitute was therefore adopted.

Rev. J. H. Thomas moved that the Financial Secretary be required to give a bond before entering upon the duties of his office. Carried.

Rev. Silas Jefferson moved that the Financial Board be prohibited from loaning out any money. Carried.

The special order of business was called for, viz: The report of the Secretary of the P. H. and F. Missionary Society.

Rev. R. H. Cain then submitted the following report of receipts and expenditures for the years 1877 to 1878.

Report received and adopted.

Motion to adopt was withdrawn, and motion to refer to committee sustained.

Bishop's Shorter's report on Hayti missions. He said in February, 1877, I called Bro. Mossells from Columbia, S. C., to accept of the mission to Hayti. He came to D. C., and back to South Carolina, and then we met and made appointment in D. C., in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New Jersey, and accounted for all the money through Recorder. Paid Bro. Dickerson and Mossells \$500 or \$600 for half year's salary, and paid \$200 for traveling expenses, amounting to over \$700. After we had done this we raised and sent to him first and second quarters' pay, making \$1,000 for first year. Raised him from that time up to time of Townsend, first, second and third year, each year not less than \$1,000, and more than once

overpaying him. We paid him up to last September. I know I should have a better report, and will not blame you for saying anything. Some money I got from Bishops Payne and Campbell, and some I got from my own district, and some from Bishop Brown. I am here simply to say, by hook and crook, we have raised enough to give him up until to-day. I am sure Bishop Cain will not think I am reflecting upon him. He has been paid at least \$3,500.

J. M. Townsend, Secretary of the Missionary Society, made a verbal report, which was received and adopted.

Rev. A. Brown submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, From reports circulated through the columns of the *Christian Recorder*, the work in Hayti seems to be in a most flourishing condition; therefore, be it

Resolved, That one of the Bishops be urgently requested to visit this mission field, and also Africa, to the end that the work may be thereby strengthened in these regions.

The resolution was adopted.

Revs. G. H. Shaffer and T. H. Jackson submitted the following, which was adopted.

Your committee, to whom was referred the claim of C. L. Bradwell, traveling agent, recommend that the claim of Rev. C. L. Bradwell be allowed and referred to the Financial Board for settlement.

A resolution was offered to appropriate 20 per cent of the dollar money to the widows and orphans of ministers.

An amendment was offered by Rev. G. H. Shaffer to make the appropriation 30 per cent.

A vote was taken on the amendment, and resulted yeas 56, nays 41. The amendment was therefore passed.

President Lee, of Wilberforce University, offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That so much of the section as relates to giving precedence to any officer or interest in the disbursements of the general fund

be stricken out, and that the funds in the treasury shall be disbursed *pro rata* on a per cent basis, as follows: The general conference shall vote a certain sum of money for the support of the following officers and interest: The Episcopacy, the cause of education and the cause of missions out of the 70 per cent.

At this stage a telegram was received from Rev. Mr. Harris, a delegate to the A. M. E. Zion General Conference at Montgomery, Ala., stating that his alternate has not yet arrived, and that he has no credentials, asking what steps must be taken. A motion was made to telegraph credentials to Rev. Mr. Harris, and was passed.

A vote was taken on President Lee's amendment, and it was passed.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas gave notice that he should move a reconsideration of the vote on President Lee's amendment on Monday next, after the reading of the journal.

Sections 4 and 5 were adopted by the committee.

Page 305, Answer 6, remain the same.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas moved to amend. It shall not be lawful for any bishop, elder or preacher to use or appropriate any part or portion of the money belonging to the treasury, excepting as appropriated by the board. Any person so offending shall upon conviction thereof be censured or suspended from official standing.

Page 305, sec. 2. The episcopal committee of the general conference during the sitting thereof, shall consult with each other of the Bishops, and to make an estimate of the amount necessary for their comfortable support, and report the same to the next meeting of the Financial Board, which shall place the same in its budget of appropriations, and the Financial Secretary shall pay the same monthly, or as nearly as possible. The amount so allowed shall not be more than \$2,000 per annum.

An amendment was offered to strike out \$2,000 and insert \$1,500. Adopted.

Rev. I. N. Fitzpatrick gave notice that he will move to reconsider the above amendment on Monday.

A motion was made to adjourn and carried.

Doxology was sung.
Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reassembled at 3:15 p. m., Bishop W. F. Dickerson in the Chair.

Secretary Arnett read the minutes of the morning session.

Rev. A. M. Green gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the vote by which the Conference ordered the Financial Secretary to give a bond of \$10,000.

Bishop R. H. Cain rose to a question of privilege. He said that the *Post-Dispatch* in its issue of May 21st says "A delegate intimated that Dr. R. H. Cain one of the bishops ordained yesterday had misappropriated funds belonging to the church. He was called to order, and thus what might have been interesting developments were 'nipped' the bud."

Bishop Cain said as there was no such intimation made he desires that this conference should take action in the premises as the reporter had no right to draw any such inferences and he cannot allow a matter of the kind pass which affects his character.

Dr. B. T. Tanner then offered the following resolution.

Whereas, The reporter of the *Post-Dispatch*, in the issue of Friday 21st inst., has greatly misrepresented the sentiments of delegates upon this floor, as well as draw conclusions by no means warranted by the supposed remarks therefore be it

Resolved, that the reportorial privilege of this conference be henceforth denied to said paper.

A substitute was offered providing

that the reporter be ordered to correct the misrepresentation, and was accepted by Dr. Tanner. Carried.

The minutes were then approved.

The report of the committee on ways and means was then resumed.

Page 306. Traveling expenses of the Bishops.

The traveling expenses of the bishops shall be provided for as follows: One thousand dollars shall be set aside out of the church treasury annually by the secretary and charged to the contingent fund of the Bishop, commencing with the first of June proximo. And the Financial board shall appropriate among the several conferences the sum of \$3,000 per annum for this purpose. Which shall be paid into the treasury by them out of the moneys collected at, or brought to the conference as contingent money.

Rev. E. P. Holms moved that the traveling expenses of the bishops be raised as formerly.

Rev. W. H. Hunter hoped that the motion of Rev. Holms would not prevail and offered the following substitute. That each bishop be allowed \$350 annually as his traveling expenses.

A motion was taken on Dr. Hunter's amendment, and was adopted.

Bishop Shorter rose to a privilege question. He said there are some charges which are very small and cannot raise but one or two dollars. Does the conference mean to say that because a church cannot raise money to pay for his expenses a distance of two or three hundred miles that he must loose it? He thinks the true interpretation of the law is to prevent a bishop from being twice paid.

Bishop Campbell. I do hope and pray that this General Conference will "fix" the traveling expenses so that it will be paid from the General church treasury. I don't want these collections from the church. The bishop of this church should be able to travel as the white bishop.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer rose to a privi-

lege question. He said his name has been called and he must be allowed to explain. He said the law says; Each church visited by the bishops shall pay their traveling expenses to the next point. His amendment is that the bishops report the same to the succeeding Annual Conference.

After a stormy debate, the next section of the report was read and adopted.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas moved that the I, II, III and IV paragraphs be stricken out, so as to produce uniformity.

Bishop R. H. Cain here took the Chair amid great applause.

The Financial Board shall appropriate \$2,000 per annum for the support of Wilberforce University, which shall be paid to the treasurer of the same, and disbursed under the authority of the school.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas moved to amend all after the words "authorities of the church," by the following, "subject to the order of the board of managers."

Rev. S. H. Jefferson moved an amendment to the amendment that \$1,000 be appropriated to Payne Institute, Johnson's School and Waco Institute.

President B. F. Lee hoped the amendments will not prevail. This Conference is not prepared to have such a low estimation put upon Wilberforce University. It is an institution appealed to by authors for their criticism, it is a college that holds its position among all schools of the country, and \$2,000 is not even a respectable sum to be appropriated. He is not at all prejudiced to Payne Institute, nor Waco School, but to divide the money which ought to be appropriated to Wilberforce among these schools to the detriment of the former, is very unwise, to say the least. He is in favor of appropriations for all schools, and if he had it in his power, he would appropriate \$2,000 to each of these schools, but when it is remembered that Wilber-

force educates thousands of youth, it

will be seen how inadequate the appropriation is.

A vote was taken on the amendment and carried.

A request was presented from Union B Church, La., for a loan of \$1,000, but was voted down.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas moved that the above as amended be adopted. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Episcopacy was submitted. It divides the Episcopal districts as follows:

1st Episcopal District, to consist of the following Conferences--Philadelphia, New York, New England and New Jersey.

2nd " To consist of the Baltimore, Virginia and N. Carolina Conf's.

3rd " To consist of the Ohio, Indiana and Illinois Conferences.

4th " To consist of the Missouri, Kansas, and California Conferences.

5th " To consist of the Kentucky, Tennessee and West Tenn. Conf's.

6th " To consist of the S. Carolina, Columbia, Georgia and N. Georgia Conferences.

7th " To consist of the Alabama, N. Alabama, Florida and E. Florida Conferences.

8th " To consist of the Mississippi, N. Mississippi, Arkansas, S. Arkansas and Indian Conf's.

9th " To consist of the Louisiana, Texas, West Texas and North-East Texas Conferences.

By motion the report was referred.

Rev. J. S. Thompson, of the Philadelphia Conference, presented a petition from the Laity of said Conference, and asked that it be referred to the Committee on Revision for consideration. It was so ordered by Conference.

Doxology.

Benediction by Bishop Turner.

FRATERNITY.

A. M. E. Zion to the A. M. E.

In the Monday's session of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, the following letter was read from the A. M. E. Zion General Conference, by Rev. W. F. Diekerson, D. D., Chairman of the Fraternal Committee.

BOARD OF BISHOPS GREETING.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 6, '86.

To the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church now in session in the city of St. Louis, this comes greeting, with grace, peace and mercy, from God Almighty the Father and our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rt. Rev. Fathers, in Christ Jesus and Brother ministers of the church of the living God. We the representatives, Bishops and Ministers of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church now in General Conference assembled in this city, realizing the great importance of a more complete fraternal religious intercourse, among all branches of the great Methodist Family in these United States, and throughout the world. Especially with those bodies whose Discipline and Doctrines are alike. We take pleasure in presenting to your honorable body our well beloved brother. T. J. Mason, M. D., as our duly appointed fraternal delegate, authorizing him to carry to you our most hearty Christian greeting, and the assurance of our fullest sympathies, with the great work you have in hand viz: the salvation of souls and the conquest of the world, for Christ. Surely the harvest is great compared with the host of sin, the laborers are few.

We therefore fully realize the necessity of a most hearty christian fellowship between christians of every denomination and especially Methodist both white and colored, whom it would seem are especially raised up by our Heavenly Father to labor among the poor of our world, and

more especially is this true of the Colored Methodist of our land.

Regarding our mission from this exalted christian stand point it will no longer be a question of denominational rivalry, opposition, bitterness and of war, but actuated by a nobler, higher and more Godlike and Christian sentiment; we will turn our swords, unitedly against our common foe--the great power of sin and darkness, and to this work, the A. M. E. Zion Church, with her 225,000 members, 500,000 Sabbath school scholars and her 1,500 traveling ministers and her seven Bishops, are fully and unreservedly committed.

While as unselfish christian (judging from past efforts which have failed) we see at present no probability of a closer, or an organic union between the A. M. E. and the A. M. E. Zion Churches of this country, though ever ready and willing to consider seriously any and every proposition looking toward a more perfect union with your or any other Methodist body, that would be honorable and consistent with our age and position as a branch of the great Methodist root, planted by the immortal Wesley upon these shores a century ago.

We are resolved by God's help to strike honest hands with dear brethren and all Christians in an effort to raise the fallen, remove corruption and bring glory to God in the conversion of souls to Christ--for with you we believe, whether as one united body, or as separate and distinct organizations, God has designed that the doctrines that are embraced in the Methodist creed, shall yet over-spread and conquer the world.

Fraternally your Brethren in Christ Jesus the Lord.

Signed: S. T. JONES,

Chairman.

J. W. Wood, Sec. Board Bishops.

Rev. Dr. T. J. Mason was then introduced by Bishop Shorter.

ADDRESS OF DELEGATE.

Rev. Mason spoke as follows: African Methodist Episcopal Conference.

GREETINGS:

I am gratified to meet this hon-

orable body in General Conference Session, engaged in making broader the plan, strengthening and confirming the great cause (the same) for the purpose of extending Methodism.

Brethren, I admire the courage, zeal and fortitude you exhibit in this glorious work of God. I recognize in your venerable fathers and almsmen, the representatives of one of the greatest Christian organizations on the globe, and one of the most powerful Methodist bodies in the world. The development made in your ranks since your last quadrennial session is vast and commands the respect of not only all the Methodist family, but all other denominations. I am moved to say, the work done in your missionary fields, educational department is indeed demonstrative of your pride, zeal and love for that injunction--"Go preach the gospel to every creature in all the world." I bid you Gods-speed--extend the chain to earth's remotest bounds, until people of every vale, mountain, hill, desert and island, shall have a zeal for God according to knowledge.

As a fraternal delegate, I have the honor to represent to this august body the A. M. E. Zion Church in America, one of the major powers of Christianity in this country and one of the largest Methodist bodies in America. I am exceedingly pleased to have the privilege of conveying to you the fraternal greetings from the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, with 225,000 members, her 500,000 Sabbath-school scholars, her 1,500 traveling ministers, marshalled under seven executive officers. I am pleased to say that since our last quadrennial session the work of Christianizing and evangelizing the world, has been in rapid progress. The Educational Department is doing a good work, from which are anticipated many happy results. The Connectional organs are in active operation and conveying Christian intelligence to the many thousand lovers of the Church.

We hail a new era in the history of Methodism. It seems as though

great fundamental truths are developed in the Church's history, which demand a consolidation of the Methodist family, and proves the unreasonableness of a multiplicity of Methodist bodies. Will there be an organic union? The Church must decide. The important theme is agitated among the Bishops; they write about it as necessary. The ministers say organic union will effect the most good. The laity conceive it to be just to them, and especially in a financial view.

In view of these truths and considerations, we extend a fraternal hand to our A. M. E. Brethren. We are prepared and willing to consider this important subject with Bethel or any Methodist Church.

Dear Fathers and Conference:—I trust that the great burden of your lives shall be to gather in souls for Christ, and thereby continue to demonstrate your ability in this great work. I commend you to Him who shapes the destiny of all.

RULES OF ORDER AND GOVERNMENT.

For the Government of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, held in Atlanta, Georgia, commencing May 1st, 1876.

1st. The Conference shall convene at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered.

2nd. The President shall take the air at the precise hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the Holy Scriptures to be read, singing and prayer, and on the appearance of a quorum (one third) shall have the Journal of the preceding day read—which Journal shall be approved (with corrections if necessary); after which business shall proceed in the following order: 1. Reconsiderations if any. 2. Unfinished business. 3. Reports of Standing or Special Committees. 4. Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials, Appeals. But notice of all motions to reconsider the action of the previous day must be given while the Journal is being read, unless the said notice was

announced on the day previous; otherwise, the Chair shall disregard them. The President shall strictly require the order or orders of the day to be taken up and considered at the time appointed, unless otherwise directed by a two-thirds vote.

3d. The President shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the President and appellant shall only be heard.

4th. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered; but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time, unless on a special committee.

10th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes at the time, without special permission (unless to correct wilful misrepresentation); nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, though he may represent another by his consent.

11th. When any member rise and speak it shall be the duty of the speaker to announce the name of the Chair and his conference.

12th. No member shall absent himself from the Conference without permission from the Chair, unless he is sick, or otherwise unable to attend.

13th. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by special permission.

15th. All questions pertaining to Petitions, Resolutions, or Amendments to charge the Discipline, shall first be read before the conference and lie over a day before being altered, rescinded or repealed, if desired by one-third of the Conference, unless on the last day of its session.

16th. All resolutions offered to amend, enlarge or change the phraseology of the Book of Discipline shall be read three consecutive times before the Conference, if desired by any member, and referred to the ap-

propriate committee if necessary.

17th. The previous question shall never be demanded upon any resolution before two members shall have been heard *pro* and *con*, if desired.

18th. A motion to lay an amendment upon the table removes the whole question from before the house for the present, and if not lifted from the table is equal to an indefinite postponement of the subject; but it does not destroy the right of the further consideration of the question at any future time.

19th. Privileged questions are as follows: 1. Motion to adjourn. 2. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference. 3. Motions relating to members individually. 4. Motion for the orders of the day.

20th. When a question of order is raised, all other business must be suspended until the point is settled. The President must decide the point without debate, subject to an appeal to the Conference. But nothing is a point of order that does not involve a supposed breach of the Rules or special Orders.

21st. Reasonable time shall be given for the minority to report, before final action shall be taken upon the report of the majority.

26th. There shall be two Marshals appointed and two Alternates, whose duty it shall be to protect the bar of the Conference from the encroachment of persons not entitled to seats therein, and to assist the President in maintaining order, whenever instructed to do so by the said presiding officer.

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J. F. Thomas, J. E. Haynes, W. A. J. Phil-
 lips, Jesse Bass, C. L. Harris, A. M.
 Green, James Porter.

EDUCATION.

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 J. H. Hubbard, J. T. Jenifer, D. D.
 Johnson, H. A. Knight.

ROMANISM.

R. Fausett, M. T. Weir, J. W. Asbury, C.
 S. Jacobs, J. J. Sawyer, A. J. Chambers,
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ON BOUNDARIES.

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 Turner, A. Grant, M. Ewd. Bryant, D. W.
 D. Schureman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

T. G. Steward, M. B. Sautter, B. L. Brooks
 J. McSmith, C. T. Schaeffer, W. Carson
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TEMPORAL ECONOMY.

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 son, P. A. Hubbard, W. G. Steward, E.
 H. H. Pettigrew, Nathan Mitehem.

ON MISSIONS.

J. G. Yeiser, A. T. Carr, J. W. Early, J. W.
 Braxton, R. A. Hall, J. W. Randolph,
 W. H. Brown.

STATE OF CHURCH.

B. T. Tanner, J. H. A. Johnson, T. H. Jack-
 son, H. M. Foley, W. S. Gains, J. H.
 Harper, C. E. Carter.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

W. C. Banton, S. H. Jefferson, B. Taylor, J.
 H. Handy, W. T. Blake, E. Hammett,
 H. Jackson.

ON FINANCE.

J. S. Thompson, R. F. Wayman, S. Straws,
 H. M. Thompson, D. S. Bently, J. A.
 Cary.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

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Nineteenth Day's Pro-
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MONDAY, MAY 24, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

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Conference opened at 8:45 a. m.,
 Bishop Cain in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted
 by Rev. W. M. Thomas, of Columbia
 conference. Opening hymn 97.

Jesus Lord we look to thee
 Let us in thy name agree;
 Thou thyself the Prince of peace;
 Bid our jars forever cease.

By thy reconciling love
 Every stumbling block remove;
 Each to each unite, endear;
 Come and spread thy banner here.

Make us of one heart and mind,
 Comtous, pitiful, and kind;
 Lowly, meek, in thought and word
 Altogether like our Lord.

Let us for each other care,
 Each the other's burden bear
 To thy church the pattern give,
 Show how true believers live.

Free from anger and from pride,
 Let us thus in God abide;
 All the depths of love express
 All the heights of holiness.

Let us then with joy remove
 To the family above;
 On the wings of angels fly
 Show how true believers die.

The 12th chapter of Romans was
 read.

After the Scripture lessons, the
 reading of the roll was dispensed
 with, and the Secretary was requested
 to read the minutes.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas moved that
 the minutes be approved, and after
 some corrections, they were approved.
 Bishop Dickerson here gave place
 to Bishop Cain, who, on taking the
 chair regularly for the first time, was
 received with applause.

Bishop Cain then addressed the
 conference.

Rev. P. A. Hubbard submitted a
 resolution to amend so much of the
 report of the committee on Episcopacy
 which relates to Episcopal dis-
 tricts, and insert that the bishops shall
 rotate.

Rev. J. C. Owens moved to recon-
 sider the section on the dollar money.

A motion was made to lay the mo-
 tion to reconsider on the table. Car-
 ried.

Rev. W. E. Johnson moved to re-
 consider section 5, page 304, para-
 graph 3, on the ground that there is
 no provision made for the poor
 bishops and also the presiding el-
 ders.

A vote was taken on the motion to
 reconsider, and lost.

Rev. W. J. Gaines submitted the
 following resolution:

Whereas, The salaries of the bish-
 ops have been cut down to \$1,800 per
 annum,

Resolved, That the salaries of the
 Editor, Financial Secretary and Bu-

siness Manager be cut down from
 \$1,500 to \$1,200 per annum.

Rev. J. E. Haynes rose to a point
 of order. He said there is unfinished
 business before the house, and Rev.
 Gaines' resolution was out of order.

Rev. T. H. Jackson moved a re-
 consideration of Rev. C. L. Brad-
 well's traveling agent's claim, and
 moved to amend that Rev. Bradwell
 settle with the Business Manager,
 and that the balance due after such
 settlement be paid him by the Busi-
 ness Manager. Carried.

The resolution of Rev. P. A. Hub-
 bard, providing that the bishops ro-
 tate, was taken up.

Rev. C. L. Bradwell. The amend-
 ment just read provides that the bish-
 ops rotate. I have given the matter
 a thought, and found that by this ar-
 rangement their traveling expenses
 would be greater than if they were
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A vote was taken on the amend-
 ment and lost.

The adoption of the report of the
 episcopal committee was next taken
 up.

Bishop Shorter rose to a question
 of privilege. He said that the com-
 mittee's report provides that Bishop
 Ward should have Missouri, Kansas
 and California, whilst he has Illinois,
 Ohio, Pittsburg and Indiana. It is
 certainly too much for one man to
 have to visit California for four suc-
 cessive years. He would ask the con-
 ference, then, to so amend as to allow
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It may be that these healthful eumenical considerations concerning which we Methodists think so happily at this time, will not diminish this inter-association and this incorporate association of the two races of our country, who have a common interest in their common country, and a common hope in the final salvation of all the races.

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Our churches are responsible for the sentiment of the country to an extent that is alarming when we consider what deep holds sin still has upon us.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church is in the most earnest hopefulness and the firmest reliance, with reference to this inclination to a higher degree of co-operation and a stronger bond of union among Methodists. We desire to gain a more distinct understanding of our duty every day, and to maintain our place in the Christian ranks. We know that yielding to the force of feeling is not necessarily a yielding to Jesus Christ as our King; so one also knows that the true work of grace is stirring it is like a lever. We recognize, however, that the glorious missions of Christianity is to elevate the mind and purify the heart; to bring the soul, sensibilities, intellect, will, all into the blessed service of Jesus Christ.

Methodism is known everywhere as one of the grandest means of exciting mankind to the accomplishment of their greatest possibilities. We fear not to trust in God; that he will enable us to develop and bless humanity provided we abide in Him. Thus far he has given us abilities commensur-

ate with our responsibilities. Our laity and our ministry are advancing steadily, yet surely, with the morning hosts. In our poverty and in our ignorance, God has permitted us to do much to elevate and settle a variety of people left free, but poor.

Self reliance, self government, self-culture and personal activity are among the essential elements success, individual, or incorporate. But this individual growth must always have a relation to, and a dependence upon others, in order to succeed philosophically and righteously.

For forty years the subject of education has been emphasized among us. Within that time we have been permitted to make great advancement. A few of our pioneers have never, once, ceased their bugle notes, summoning the hosts to battle against ignorance, the fruitful garden of vice. Earnestly, constantly, fervently, tearfully, their pleadings came. At last the masses began to hear, and to-day a very large majority of the membership of the A. M. E. Church, unite in the songs of grace and intellectual culture. We believe it time for "Uncle Tom" to come out of his cabin and enter a larger, healthier and more enduring mansion. That is we believe in activity and progress.

A mere passivity, or negativity may receive the applause of the world; but these are not the kinds of material of which the kingdom of Jesus is constructed. Christianity thinks. In your Churches it thinks through your sixty six periodicals, your twenty-three thousand preachers, your board of missions, your Sunday schools, your Bible societies, your Freedmen's societies, your Chantauquas and your forty-four seminaries of learning. We are striving to express Christian thought by similar means.

In this blessed age of profuse and cheap literature, often of the highest order, we find the progress of our publishing interests very slow; but it is progress, and is accomplishing

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Our Sunday-school work is active. There are thousands among us who have a mind to work. The last thirty years have wrought marvelous developments in the general Sunday-school work; we have cheerfully joined in with all the advancements made in this direction. Our two thousand five hundred Sunday-schools are doing a work whose influence, it may certainly be hoped, will reach Africa, the dark and mysterious continent, and Asia, the less mysterious, Europe, and the islands; but, brethren, let us also hope that a large portion will have a salutary effect upon our own land.

The A. M. E. Church has several minor schools under control of the Annual Conferences within whose territory they are located respectively, but Wilberforce University is the intellectual arm of our Church, and the pride of our race.

You know something of Wilberforce University, for it is only about twenty-five years since your good and noble Church inaugurated the work there, which it has incessantly continued, the education of its colored membership and others who might avail themselves of the offered blessings. Your Dr. Rust, the honored and heroic apostle to the Freedmen, was the distinguished President of Wilberforce University, and, let me add, is still its friend and benefactor. There still linger around the institution some facts that frequently cause the name of President Rust to be pleasantly mentioned.

We have been the owners and controllers of the University about seventeen years.

Within that time we have educated partly, or entirely, twelve hundred persons, while we have graduated forty students, and have a senior class of five at present.

We have four departments active, viz.: the Normal, Scientific, Theological and Classical departments. Our

average annual enrollment for the last quadrennium was one hundred fifty-one and a half.

Our endowment is yet very small; we depend chiefly upon the endowment which we have within the hearts of our 250,000 people, who have waited so long, but who now work so earnestly to educate their children.

The annual expenses of our institution are between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

We have a Faculty of five resident and two non-resident Professors.

Our library contains between 4,000 and 5,000 volumes.

Our Museum is valued at \$2,000.

Our entire property is worth \$6,000, and is unembarrassed by mortgages or loans.

This institution is destined to accomplish great good in connection with your Central Tennessee, your Claflin, your Shaw, and your grand Wesleyan Seminaries, in educating the races.

Our missionary work cannot be given the place which it ought to occupy, for the reason that all of our work thus far has been almost exclusively missionary. Besides, having followed up the victories of the late war into the field of the bondsmen, we have extended our work to the island of Hayti, where the Rev. C. W. Mossell has been called upon by the Lord to do honor to his all-conquering grace by bringing scores from Catholicism into the true light. In the present year we shall begin the work of educating a native of the island at Wilberforce University. Christianity is also holy, as well as thoughtful and active.

We are striving to become more the Lord's, day by day. We are conscious that no movements in politics, no advancement in intellectual culture, no preferment of earth, will secure us to the full service of God and to consequent rest; therefore we pray that we may become more like Jesus, holier and happier than we can otherwise be.

We look upon the proposition to hold an Ecumenical Conference of

Methodism as one of the boldest and most promising religious movements of the century. It is an indication of the coming of the time of refreshing from the Lord.

A close and honest consideration of the peculiar and the general status of Methodism will result, it is to be hoped, in the universal co-operation of all the Methodist elements in opposing sin on every hand, and bringing about a hand-shaking that will never cease.

God has been pleased to place the warm heart and tender hand of Methodism upon nearly every variety of the race; let us allow this heart its full and perfect work among all men, binding the world of Methodism together by the inseparable tie of love.

Finally, brethren, the A. M. E. Church stands by your side, in the strength of manhood, in the lead of advancing civilization, before the face of subtle Catholicism, in the presence of God, pleased to co-operate, pleased to fraternize and pleased to ask God's blessings upon your hearts and ours, and those of all men; that we may love one another as dear children. God bless your deliberators. God bless your future labors.

BENJAMIN F. LEE.

Rev. R. R. Disney next addressed the conference: It does my heart good to sit and listen to your deliberations, more especially as I was formerly connected with this church. I remember when the corner stone of the church in Baltimore was laid.

In Mr. Tanner's report he recommended a committee to be sent to the General Conference of the B. M. E. Church, to convene at Toronto in September. We would be much pleased to confer with those whom you will, in your wisdom send, and do all we can to make them comfortable and agreeable during their stay in Canada.

He alluded to the reverence of the people of the West India Islands for the ministry. He said from the character of J. D. S. Ferrier as portrayed by Rev. J. C. Embry it is

characteristic of the West Indian in general. He then invoked the blessing of God on the A. M. E. Church.

Bishop H. M. Turner offered the following:

Resolved, That in the event of an agreement of terms of union between the commission of the A. M. E. Church, the General Conference of the B. M. E. Church being satisfactorily effected, that the terms of union be submitted to the several Annual Conferences, and that the adoption of the term by two-thirds of said annual conferences shall be regarded as binding.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas seconded the resolution with the following amendment:

That the words "two-thirds" be stricken out, and insert "majority."

Bishop Campbell moved to amend by striking out "union" and insert "re-union."

The resolution was submitted namely: That a committee of three, five or seven be appointed to meet the General Conference of the B. M. E. Church to arranged and effect a *modus operandi* of co-operation in the missionary work in the West India Island and British Guiana, and that such a co-operation be known as the Reunion of the A. M. E. and B. M. E. Churches in America. A rising vote was taken and carried unanimously amid long continued and tremendous applause.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas then submitted the report of the committee on Sabbath working. Report received.

Rev. W. H. Hunter said that this corporation passes any law they please and that the State law has law has no jurisdiction over the corporate law.

Rev. I. N. Fitzpatrick moved that so much of the report as referred to the mass meeting to-night be stricken out. Prevailed.

Rev. I. N. Fitzpatrick moved the report be referred to the city council.

Rev. J. C. Embry stated that there was no such thing as city council,

but that this city was ruled by a "House of Delegates."

Rev. W. H. Thomas of S. Carolina, said the report was for the benefit of the parties from whom it came. Our duty then, is to vote upon it, and return to the parties from whence it came.

Rev. T. H. Jackson said no corporation could pass law in contravention to the State law, and therefore this body was asked to put itself on record and assist thereby in bringing a test case before the Courts.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted their report. (See report.)

Rev. R. H. W. Leak, of North Carolina, moved the reception of report.

Rev. B. B. Goins, of North Carolina, offered an amendment relating to the annulling of the law concerning Sunday-school Conventions.

Rev. G. H. Schaffer said he hoped the amendment would not prevail, as he believed pastors should attend Sunday-school Conventions and be members, whether elected or not.

Rev. N. Mitchem, of Tennessee, spoke against the amendment.

On call of the report, with amendment, Rev. D. S. Bentley, of Kentucky, said he desired to know if there was any provision for a Sunday-school Convention in each Annual Conference, and, if there were not, he wanted such an amendment to the report.

The Reading Clerk read some recommendation which accompanied the report.

Rev. A. M. Green said the recommendation was a memorial of vital importance, as it referred to a grand union of all the Sunday-schools into one grand Connectional Sunday-school Union.

The report was adopted.

Rev. A. M. Green rose to a question of privilege, concerning the boundaries of the Louisiana conference, and read from a resolution which

appeared in the minutes of the conference, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved; That while an Annual conference may have power under the law of the church to divide a conference district, it has no power to strike out or destroy original boundaries, as fixed by the General conference. The Louisiana Annual conference having struck from the original boundaries of the conference and Central America, designated no conference, to which the said territory should belong, we therefore declare said act null and void, and declare the boundaries of the Louisiana conference to remain as first designated by the committee on boundaries.

Rev. W. J. Gaines, of Georgia, offered a resolution concerning the salary of general officers.

The chairman ruled the resolution out of order.

Rev. J. W. Asbury, of Kentucky, read the report of the committee on Romanism.

Rev. J. Turner, of Missouri conference, moved the report be received.

Rev. C. L. Bradwell offered the following amendment:

That we recommend to every one of the ministers, a book published in this city, "The Errors of the Roman Catholic Church." Report as amended was adopted.

The bishop announced the following committee to the B. M. E. church.

First Episcopal District, Rev. W. H. Hunter; Second, Rev. J. A. Handy; Third, Rev. J. M. Townsend; Fourth, Rev. John Turner; Fifth, Rev. Nathan Mitchem; Sixth, Rev. Jos. E. Hayne; Seventh, Rev. J. N. Fitzpatrick; Eighth, Rev. J. T. Jennifer; Ninth, Rev. W. B. Carson.

Rev. J. F. Thomas, of New York, asked permission to submit the remainder of the report on publication department.

The bishop ruled that now was the time to proceed to the election of general officers.

Rev. J. F. Thomas moved that a committee of three be appointed on

nominations. No second.

The Bishop called for the report on Missions.

Rev. B. W. Arnett, of Ohio, said that the committee would not be able to report until this evening.

On motion, we proceeded to the election of general officers by ballot prevailed.

Tellers for general business managers election—Rev. B. H. Williams, S. C.; Rev. P. H. Hubbard of Kansas; Rev. S. H. Robertson of Ga.

Rev. John Turner moved the time be extended half an hour.

Rev. Hubbard moved to suspend the rules and elect Rev. B. T. Tanner as editor by acclamation.

Motion prevailed.

Votes for business manager: Whole number of votes cast, 153. Gould Theodore 133; Jennifer, J. T. 9; Handy, J. A. 4; Goosly, S. C. 2; R. A. Johnson 1; B. W. Arnett 1; C. O. H. Thomas 1; W. C. Banton 1.

Vote for Financial Secretary resulted as follows: B. W. Arnett 73; J. C. Embry 59; J. T. Jennifer 19; J. H. A. Johnson 2; J. C. Owens 1.

B. W. Arnett was therefore declared.

Rev. J. M. Townsend was elected by acclamation Traveling agent of the Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society conference, with benediction by Rev. Rev. J. F. Williams.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Nineteenth Day.

May 24, 1880.

Conference reassembled at 3:20 p.m. Rt. Rev. R. H. Cain, D.D., in the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Morning Session.

Rev. Mr. Leek moved that the minutes stand approved. Carried.

Rev. Dr. B. F. Porter offered the following:

Resolved, That in compiling the Discipline Conferences shall be called by seniority, and that any conference that shall have been divided

shall be called next in order to the original conference.

An amendment was made to have the conferences called alphabetically. Adopted.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas proceeded to re-consider an action of Conference last Saturday, but was ruled out of order.

Rev. Mr. Hubbard moved that the Conference now proceed to the election of officers, and that Rev. B. F. Porter be elected Commissioner of Education by acclamation.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas said, there is no such an office in existence.

Question was called for.

Rev. John F. Thomas, of New York, moved to amend by saying that the officer be elected by ballot. Carried.

Rev. S. H. Jefferson moved that the person getting the highest number of votes cast be declared elected.

Rev. Mr. Hunter wanted to know whether the Commissioner of Education will be paid out of his work or from the general treasury. The Chair said from the treasury of the Church. This caused a general confusion, several members claiming the floor.

Rev. W. L. Hunter, said the Commissioner of Education cannot make his own bread and butter; he hopes therefore, that the Conference will not elect such officer.

The Chair suggested that there is no subject so important as Education.

Rev. hoped the office will be abolished.

Chair insisted to put it to the vote amendment by Rev. Fitzpatrick was counteracted by E. Holmes that the matter must be brought up because a previous motion was to elect.

C. Jefferson moved that the matter be deferred to the next General Conference. Not entertained.

Chair still insists upon the vote to be put, and rules out all other debate upon the matter.

C. L. Bradwell thought that the Conference, in confusion, does not

know what is before the house.

Chair explained.

C. L. Bradwell said that education is one of the most important matter before the house. It is no matter whether the salary be paid by the Treasurer or no. He hopes that the office will be created.

Dr. Tanner was desirous that the Conference act wisely on the matter. If the church expects to rise in the future, nothing else than education will do it. All other religious denominations have organized schools under similar circumstances and he does not see why the A. M. E. Church should not do something for her propagation of this good cause.

C. O. H. Thomas is in favor of encouraging education, but he thought that as other institutions such as Wilberforce, Paynes University and other have monopolized such an enormous amount of money he does not see how the office can be sustained.

Rev. Stansbury said it is only the matter of election before the house.

Mr. Jennifer for reason—that it is not always that he finds money that is employed for a certain purpose will be refunded on the onset—Time will show the beneficial result. He therefore favored the office.

J. A. Haynes said that there are about two thousand offices of education already. Every Conference has provided for the cause of education; even the dollar system provides for such purpose. Their present condition does not favor it.

Chair said that as the matter of postponing the matter to the next Conference he would put the vote in that way, therefore

Resolved, That we allow the said office to remain, and that the officer be allowed twenty per cent. on every dollar collected by him.

And all laws inconsistent with this law are hereby repealed.

Substitute was adopted by 47 against 46 votes.

Rev. J. C. Embry moved that B. F. Watson, of Kansas City, be nom-

inated as Commissioner of Education.

Rev. P. A. Hubbard moved that the Financial Secretary pay for the parchments of the newly-elected bishops when they are ready. Carried.

Resolved, That the present incumbent of the Financial Board, J. C. Embry, remain in office until his successor is qualified by giving the required bond.

JOHN F. THOMAS.

Rev. A. M. Green said if the resolution is passed it will virtually abolish the Financial Board.

Rev. J. F. Thomas moved that the office of the Financial Secretary be located at either of the following places: St. Louis, Louisville, Nashville, Atlanta, Cincinnati or Chicago.

The Chair having decided that there is no need for the resolution of Rev. Thomas, inasmuch as Rev. Mr. Embry will necessarily be in office until his successor is qualified, Elder Stansbury said that the Chair cannot do that, for that is not the matter before the house. The election is before the house.

Discussion of the matter continued.

Rev. W. E. Johnson offered a resolution which he thought would do away with the whole matter of discussion:

WHEREAS, The office of Commissioner of Education has been established for the good of our great Church; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference desires not to burden the members of our churches with offices and officers which will make an additional expense

A vote was then taken on the cities nominated, resulting as follows:

Wilmidgtou, N. C., 5.

Atlanta, Ga., 16.

St. Louis, Mo., 26.

Chicago, Ill., 1.

Louisville, Ky., 6.

Nashville, Tenn., 62.

Cincinnati, Ohio, 10.

The Secretary's home will therefore be in Nashville during the next Quadrennial.

Bishop Turner suggested that the

been of Bishops appoint a committee of seven to select five competent and trustworthy persons to constitute the Financial board.

Rev. Shaffer amended that the Bishops be authorized to make the selection from each Episcopal District. Amendment lost.

Conference appointed the following committee:

1st Episcopal District,
2nd " " " " " "
3rd " " " " " "
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9th " " " " " "

Rev. W. J. Gaines offered a resolution, to pay the Financial Secretary, General Business Manager, and Traveling Agent and Sec. of P. H. and Foreign M. Society, \$1350 per annum.

Rev. C. O. H. Thomas moved to amend by striking out \$1800 for the Bishops and insert \$2000 including traveling expenses. Lost.

The previous question was called for. Carried.

Doxology.

Benediction by Bishop R. H. Cain.

Read and Reflect.

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Public Worship.

Bishop Shorter, Revs. J. Turner, J. M. Wilkerson, H. DePugh, E. C. Joiner.

PUBLICATION DEPT.

J. F. Thomas, J. E. Haynes, W. A. J. Phillips, Jesse Bass, C. L. Harris, A. M. Green, James Porter.

EDUCATION.

W. F. Dickerson, R. H. Cain, B. J. F. Lee, J. H. Hubbard, J. T. Jenifer, W. D. Johnson, H. A. Knight.

ROMANISM.

R. Fansett, M. T. Welz, J. W. Ashbury, C. S. Jacobs, J. J. Sawyer, A. J. Chambers, J. F. S. Sisson.

ON BOUNDARIES.

F. J. Cooper, S. Sams, Bedford Green, John Turner, A. Grant, M. Ewd. Bryant, D. W. D. Schureman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

T. G. Steward, M. B. Sanlter, B. L. Brooks, J. McSmith, C. T. Schaeffer, W. Carson, W. W. Sampson, T. E. Green.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY.

W. H. Hunter, J. A. Handy, T. A. Thompson, P. A. Hubbard, W. G. Steward, E. H. H. Pettigrew, Nathan Mitchem.

ON MISSIONS.

J. G. Yeiser, A. T. Carr, J. W. Early, J. W. Braxton, R. A. Hall, J. W. Randolph, W. H. Brown.

STATE OF CHURCH.

B. T. Tanner, J. H. A. Johnson, T. H. Jackson, H. M. Foley, W. S. Gaines, J. H. Harper, C. E. Carter.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

W. C. Banton, S. H. Jefferson, B. Taylor, J. H. Hardy, W. T. Blake, E. Hammett, H. Jackson.

ON FINANCE.

J. S. Thompson, R. F. Wayman, S. Straws, H. M. Thompson, D. S. Bently, J. A. Cary.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

C. C. Felts, W. E. Johnson, O. P. Ross, J. M. Wilkerson, C. Thompson, C. O. H. Thomas, G. Ryles.

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Twentieth Day's Proceedings.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1880.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened at 8:30 A. M., Rt. Rev. R. H. Cain in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. R. M. Dickerson, of South Arkansas Conference.

Opening hymn 701:

O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
Still may we dwell secure,
Sufficient in thine arm alone
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

The Rev. gentleman then offered the following

PRAYER:

Supremely good, and righteous, our great life preserver, in whose presence there is fulness of joy, and at whose righthand men are pleasures forevermore. Great God, we are about to wind up this General Conference, and we pray thee to go with

us. Some of us may never meet here again, but grant that when we fall we may fall in thy service. May all be of one heart and mind, and grant that what we have done may be acceptable in thy sight, O God our strength and our redeemer. God bless all the interest of thy church and grant that as each minister goes to his field of labor many souls may be added to thee. Bless our bishops, make them men after thine own heart, aid them in presiding over and in advancing thy church, and when our time on earth is over bring us unto thyself; we ask thee for Christ's sake. Amen.

The VIII Psalm was then read.

Assistant Secretary C. Asbury then read the minutes of yesterdays session (P. M.)

It was moved that the minutes stand approved.

Rev. E. P. Holmes said he did not here mention made of the Secretary of Education who was elected yesterday.

The correction was offered to be made.

The minutes were approved.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Wayman then took the Chair.

It was moved to reconsider so much of the action of the General Conference of yesterday as fixed the salary of the Commissioner of Education to 20 per cent.

The same gentleman moved to amend by inserting 33½ per cent.

Rev. C. L. Bradwell said it is wrong for this Conference as an intelligent body to allow a man only 33½ per cent, who cannot get mon-

ey from any other source. Unless the Conference wishes to abolish this office that office ought to have at least 50 per cent. No man can live and support a family, pay traveling expenses, printing, etc., on 33½ per cent. He, therefore, moved to amend by inserting 50 cents on the dollar.

Rev. Bradwell withdrew his motion, and the motion to insert 33½ per cent. prevailed.

Rev. C. T. Shaffer then submitted his report as Chairman of the Committee to select members to constitute the Financial Board, to-wit:

1st Epis. Dist., Mr. H. C. Banton, layman.

2d Epis. Dist., Rev. Jas. A. Handy.

3d Epis. Dist., Rev. B. W. Arnett.

4th Epis. Dist., Rev. John M. Wilkerson.

5th Epis. Dist., Rev. G. H. Shaffer.

6th Epis. Dist., Rev. W. J. Gaines.

7th Epis. Dist., Mr. Jos. E. Lee, layman.

8th Epis. Dist., Rev. W. H. Allen.

9th Epis. Dist., Rev. W. R. Carson.

Rev. A. M. Foley moved to strike out the name of W. H. Allen and insert Mr. J. Montgomery in the 8th Episcopal District.

Rev. J. T. Jenifer advocated the confirmation of Mr. Montgomery. He said he is not only intelligent and of an excellent character but has the control of from one to two hundred thousand dollars. Such a man and his influence are very much desired.

Mr. Allen's name was struck out and Mr. Montgomery's inserted and confirmed.

The report was then adopted as a whole with the above change.

Rev. C. T. Schaffer, Chairman of the Committee on Revision, submitted his report. He said of the one hundred and twenty-five bills submitted, the Committee was able to consider only sixty-six, the time being so limited.

The following bills were approved and adopted: II, V.

The Revs. C. E. Cline and J. H. Hughey were admitted within the bounds of Conference and introduced.

The next bill was the Order of Conducting Religious Services.

The Committee recommended concert reading of the Holy Scriptures.

Rev. Mr. Early objected to concert reading, and moved to strike out the word "concert" in Bill No. VI.

Rev. T. W. Jackson hoped the Committee's recommendations will be adopted. Our people are everywhere learning to read, and it is a gospel sermon to see the congregations going to church with Bibles in hand.

Rev. Early withdrew his amendment providing the words "where practicable" be inserted.

Rev. Thomas said it is a matter of impracticability for pastor and congregation to read in concert. He moved to transpose so much of the section as refer to notices. Lost.

Rev. J. C. Owens hoped that the Conference would strike out from bill No. VI so much as refer to notices and made a motion to that effect. A vote was taken on the motion to strike out notices and carried.

Bill VII amendment, page 73, Ans. 1. Let none be received into full membership until they are recommended by a leader whom they have met at least three months on trial a motion was made to strike out three and insert six. Lost.

The recommendation was adopted.

Bill IX. It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference to make provisions for each delegate to and

from the General Conference. Adopted.

Bill XVI. The General Conference shall be composed of all General officers and one delegate for every twenty members of each Annual Conference, who shall be an itinerant minister, and who shall have traveled four consecutive years prior to the sitting of the General Conference.

Rev. Silas Jefferson moved to amend by striking out "twenty" and insert "fifteen."

Rev. Mr. Carey moved to further amend by striking out "fifteen" and insert "eighteen." Lost.

Rev. Jefferson's amendment was also lost.

The bill continued. Provided however that each Annual Conference shall not have less than three ministerial delegates.

A motion was made by a North Carolina delegate to strike out "three" and insert "two".

The amendment was carried.

The bill continued. The section provides that there be two lay delegates from each Annual Conference. A motion was made to strike out "two" and insert "one." The amendment prevailed.

The bill as amended was there adopted.

Bill XVII. Provides that no preacher remain longer than four years at one appointment.

Rev. W. H. Hunter moved to amend by saying provided however that the bishops see that it will be for the good of the church to continue him longer in the same charge when he shall do so.

Elder M. E. Bryant moved to amend by saying that two thirds of the conference shall be necessary to continue him to the same charge. Both amendments were lost.

Bill XIX. The bill provides that certificates issued to members transferred to other churches shall be valid for six months instead of three. Adopted.

Bill XXVII pertains to the organization composition, procedure

and rules governing the General conference.

A motion was made and carried that the above bill be appended to the Discipline and Wayman on Discipline.

The bill was then adopted.

Bill XXXVI provides that all members of the A. M. E. church, who shall visit theatres, dances, or circuses, shall be dealt with as in cases of misdemeanor.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer moved to amend by inserting playing policy, cards, dice or drinking any spirituous liquor as a beverage.

Amendment adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then adopted.

Bill XLII, on the composition of the district conferences, was referred to the General conference by the committee and read to the conference by the clerk.

Rev. A. M. Green moved that the above bill be postponed until later. Carried.

Bill XLVI. Approved.

Bill XLVIII. Rejected.

Bill XLIX. Rejected.

Bill L. Approved.

Bill LI. Approved.

Bill LII, on class leaders, approved.

It provides that no one shall be appointed as a class leader who cannot read the Holy Scriptures.

Rev. J. W. Early was opposed to the bill. He said there are many good Christian men who cannot read, but who make excellent Christian class leaders.

The section was adopted.

The section empowers the bishops to revise the ritual of public worship. Adopted.

58. Revision en course of Annual conference studies. Committee of bishops. Adopted.

59. Quarterly Magazines, Quarterly Reviews. Adopted.

60. Literary exercises for Annual conferences. Adopted.

63. Not approved.

64. Not approved.

65. Not approved.

Rev. S. B. McAmore, from Kansas, offered a resolution pertaining to the expulsion of members for non-payment of dollar money.

Rev. J. E. Haynes moved to lay the resolution on the table. Carried.

A resolution was offered that when conference adjourns it adjourn to meet the first Monday in May, 1884, in the city of Baltimore. Carried.

A resolution was offered that all the sections and clauses amended in the discipline go into effect into effect immediately after the rising of this General conference.

A bill on the composition of the district conferences was presented. The conference shall consist of all itinerant ministers of the district conferences, all local preachers and exhorters, one steward and one trustee.

An amendment was made to strike out "trustee," resulting in a vote of 32 yeas to 32 nays.

Bishop Shorter gave the casting vote in the affirmative. Carried.

1. The District conference shall convene once a year.

3. The District conference shall convene within six weeks after the rising of the Annual conference.

Rev. A. T. Carr moved to strike out "six" weeks and insert "four." Lost.

4. The bishop, or, in his absence, the presiding elder of the district shall preside over the district conference.

5 was also adopted.

6. The allowance of presiding elders. Adopted.

Rev. J. W. Jackson moved that this section be struck off. Lost.

The section was adopted.

The district conferences shall consider the condition of the Sunday-schools of the district and the best interest of supporting them.

The Dist. Conf. shall consider the nature of the buildings in the district used for connectional purposes, their value, &c.

Section struck out.

Sec. XIV. The Dist. Conf. shall examine into the manner and style of

preaching, &c., of the ministers of the district.

A motion was made to strike out the section, and prevailed.

Sec. XV. It shall inquire into the causes of the imperfections of congregational singing and provide a remedy. Lost.

Sec. XVI. It shall appoint district camp meetings.

The section was struck out.

Sec. XVII was adopted as reported.

Sec. XVIII. All motions and resolutions now past of the district conferences that are not in conflict with Discipline be binding upon ministers of the district.

The whole bill was then adopted with the amendments made.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer moved to strike out the first Monday and insert the first Wednesday in May for the next meeting of the General Conference.

Motion not entertained.

Rev. J. B. Stansbury offered a resolution to robe the Bishops and elders. Lost.

Dr. R. H. Cain submitted a report of the committee on Appropriations. The report was received.

Rev. G. H. Shaffer moved to amend by inserting \$1000.00 for bibles. Adopted.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Turner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Twentieth Day.

May 25, 1880.

Conference reassembled at 2 45 p.m. Rt. Rev. A. W. Wayman in the chair.

The minutes of the morning session read.

Rev. I. H. Jackson, of Ohio Conference gave notice that after the reading of the minutes he would move to reconsider the action of the conference in regard to having two ministerial delegates from each conference.

The journal was approved.

Rev. E. C. Joiner moved to amend the report of the committee on appropriation by asking an additional appropriation of \$5,000 for the churches at Chicago, destroyed by fire. Amendment was lost.

G. H. Shaffer objected to report of Bishop Cain. He had no objection as to the arrangement by assessment but his principal objection was that it subverted all prior plans on finances. It is too late now thought the speaker to go back and undo all that had been done.

Bishop says that everything would not be repealed but only such as were inconsistent with it.

Bro. Gaines from Georgia moved to strike out the \$1,350 appropriation for commission be stricken out. Carried.

J. W. H. Jackson, Ill., moved to strike out the clause applying special help to the churches.

Bishop Payne says that the said churches were in due distress and liable to be lost immediately.

Rev. Jackson said his church at Chicago was the very same way.

Bishop Shorter says there were churches in Indiana in a similar predicament.

Motion of Rev. Jackson carried. Report adopted.

Rev. Thos. H. Jackson, submitted a resolution authorizing the editor B. T. Tanner to publish the sermons written by seven of the ablest ministers of the connection to be named the African M. E. C. Pulpit. Adopted.

Whereas, we the members of the Seventeenth General Conference of the A. M. E. Church now assembled in the city of St. Louis, Mo., and whereas we have been so kindly, and hospitably entertained by the members and citizens. Be it therefore

Resolved, That we return a vote of thanks to them for the same, and will ever pray for the blessings of heaven upon them.

S. H. JEFFERSON.
The resolution of Mr. Jefferson

was unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

Rev. B. F. Lee, President of Wilberforce University, submitted the report of the Committee on Missions.

Rev. J. E. Hayne moved that the report be received. Carried.

Rev. J. E. Hayne moved that the report be adopted.

Rev. J. T. Jenifer moved to amend by inserting the word "shall" wherever "may" occurs. Carried.

Rev. J. E. Hayne moved to amend by offering a resolution to pay the missionary to Africa the same salary as is paid the missionary to Hayti. Carried.

Rev. Mr. Parker moved that the Corresponding Secretary be empowered to hire assistants when necessary. Carried.

Secretary Townsend moved to amend by striking out \$3,000 and inserting \$6,000 in the committee's report. Adopted.

The committee's report was then adopted.

Rev. J. E. Hayne offered a resolution that Dr. B. T. Tanner be added to the commissioners on re-union between the A. M. E. and B. M. E. Church connection. Carried.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was received, and amended by Rev. S. H. Jefferson so that all the Secretaries be included.

Bishop Shorter suggested that we have an old-fashioned love feast, which, on motion, prevailed.

On motion of Rev. E. P. Holmes, moved that Rev. M. E. Bryant, of Alabama Conference, be editor of the Southern A. M. E. Recorder. Carried.

Rev. T. W. Henderson said the deficiency bill for gas, the erecting of stage, the bill of gas, etc., are yet unpaid.

The report of the Committee on Finance was then adopted.

Rev. E. P. Holmes moved that the Bishop appoint the Committee on Compilation of Minutes. Carried.

The following nominations were

presented as members of the Missionary Board: Dr. B. F. Porter, South Carolina; Rev. I. N. Fitzpatrick, Alabama.

Rev. J. W. Early, of Tennessee, offered a resolution concerning church deeds.

Committee on Compilation of Minutes: Dr. B. T. Tanner, J. H. A. Johnson, C. Asbury.

Bishop Shorter presented a letter against the connection.

On motion, the claim will not be allowed.

Bishop Dickerson announced the names of the delegates to Ecumenical Council, London, as follows: Bishops D. A. Payne, J. M. Brown, J. A. Shorter, W. F. Dickerson, Elders B. F. Lee, J. M. Townsend, A. T. Carr, J. C. Embry; lay members: Messrs. A. H. Clark, J. A. Shorter, N. N. Gant, Prof. W. M. Morris; alternates, Bishops R. H. Cain, T. M. D. Ward, J. P. Campbell, H. M. Turner, Elders J. A. Handy, T. C. Stewart, J. Turner, W. J. Gaines; laymen, Dr. John McKinney, Hon. W. H. Harrison, J. M. Maxwell, H. M. Cox.

On motion, the Conference confirmed the nominations.

Rev. C. L. Bradwell made a statement concerning his claims as Traveling Agent.

Rev. T. H. Jackson explained his motion concerning the settlement of the Traveling Agent's claims.

Rev. W. E. Johnson. Resolved that the Financial Secretary be hereby instructed to pay the traveling agent Rev. C. L. Bradwell the amount due him, as soon as possible. Adopted.

President B. F. Lee offered a resolution authorizing a committee to examine the work of Rev. Mr. Weir and get the publishing committee to publish it. Carried.

A motion was made to authorize the publisher to publish the minutes of this Conference and sell them at such a price as the cost of printing will justify. Carried.

Conference here adjourned to meet in the City of

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND,

—ON THE—

FIRST MONDAY OF MAY, 1884.

Doxology.

Prayer by Rt. Rev. Bishop Jabez P. Campbell:

Lord thou has been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or even the worlds and earth were framed thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. For this reason we thank thee for thy mercies towards us. It is true we have different views upon the various subjects that have been brought before us nevertheless may we differ to agree, and grant that from this time forward there may be better developments for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. God bless all the members of this Conference, those who have gone and those yet to go, take them safely to their flocks and families. Guide us by thy council through the journey of life and if we never meet on earth again, may we all meet in heaven for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

MISSIONS.

To the Bishops and Members of the A. M. E. Church in General Conference assembled, City of St. Louis, Missouri, May, 1880.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

—Your committee to whom has been entrusted the important station of canvassing the broad fields of missionary labor and suggesting such plans as may seem to be conducive to the continued spread of the Gospel, beg leave to report: Feeling as we do that upon the church is devolved the human and Christian duty of keeping forever the banner of the cross before the world; that we cannot be loyal to the cause we represent, nor faithful to the high trust committed to our keeping, until with an eye single to the Savior's command, "Go teach all

nations," we should have so organized and prosecuted the war against sin in every land that our entire Christian forces shall be concentrated upon the idea of hastening on the day of the Lord's coming to reign in every heart, we believe that we cannot pay too much attention to the great subject of missionary.

Brethren the church of God, the ministry of Christ would be recreated to her trust were she to fold her arms or sheath the sword of Truth while the soul-destroying blood-fasting hosts of satan are striving with indelible energy to reduce to conquest and win the world Christ has purchased with his blood. Our motto must be onward, our watch word the cross, and our only but all sufficient strength the word of Him who has promised to be with us to the end. Our labors of the past has been measurably blest which facts fills us with hope and sanguine expectation looking to the future when the efforts presently put forth shall produced the desired end. Your committee did not have in their possession such an amount of statistics and documents relating to the missionary department of the church as would enable them to bring forth a more elaborate report. However, from what we have gathered we feel justified in offering the following recommendations:

The work done for the noble band of women of the Mite Society cannot be too highly recommended to this body. They stood the standard bearers of our army when nearly every man was slain, or had deserted the field. We recommend that this society consider itself auxiliary to the P. H. and F. Society, and reach the missionary field through the Missionary Board and Corresponding Secretary.

First. Relating to our home missionary work; what suitable and efficient plans should be devised for disseminating the gospel among the Indians, to the end that their condition may be ameliorated. The reports of those engaged in the work since the

last quadrennial session are most encouraging, though many obstacles have served to retard, yet have our missionaries proved measurably adequate to the task. We, therefore, recommend and submit that this work shall be duly provided for by the Missionary board of the A. M. E. church.

Second. Relating to foreign missionary work, Hayti should receive increased attention. A greater impetus should be given to the springs of missionary action, and this can be accomplished only when the combined aid of the connection shall have been procured in sustaining this praiseworthy enterprise. Our great missionary in the field, Rev. Bro. C. W. Morrell, is doing a Herculean work in the face of and notwithstanding formidable opposition. We recommend that he be continued in the field, and to the end that his usefulness be increased and the borders of our church enlarged, that an auxiliary missionary may be employed at a moderate rate, who shall operate under the supervision of the chief missionary.

AFRICA.

Your committee would also bring to your notice the work already begun on the continent of Africa under Brother S. L. Fleglar, who has, without aid or promise, established the cause. We, therefore, recommend that this work receive continuance. The South Carolina conference has done nobly in contributing to the extent of her ability in this direction; and, further, that ample provisions be made to sustain this missionary work, we recommend that the board of missions supervise this work also, and that Brother Fleglar be continued.

THE BAHAMAS.

This is a very inviting field, and your committee would suggest that at the earliest period, and if possible, now, a missionary be sent to the inhabitants of that place. Your committee recommend that Brother J. M.

Townsend be continued as the secretary of the Missionary Society and that Rt. Rev. J. A. Shorter, be President. All of which we most respectfully submit. Your committee,

A. T. CARR, Chairman.

J. W. RANDOLPH, Sec'y.

We recommend the following changes in and additions to the constitution of our Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

I. That the preamble remain unchanged.

II. That the words "good moral character" be inserted in article 3, instead of the words "orthodox faith."

IV. That Article 4 be eliminated and the present article 5 become article 4, and further, that all the words in this article following the word "corresponding secretary" be eliminated.

ARTICLE V.

In the interim of the General Conference sessions the affairs of this society shall be conducted by a board composed of all the Bishops, the Corresponding Secretary, the President, Secretary, and one additional member of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society, together with two ministers and two laymen to be appointed by the General Conference. They shall elect a president, vice-president, a recording secretary and a treasurer. The Board shall hold annual sessions in the city in which our missionary headquarters shall be located.

It shall hold its first meeting in July of the present year, when it shall elect its officers, arrange the bonds of the treasurer, and make all necessary arrangements for the work of the Society. Annual meetings shall be held in the month of April in each succeeding year.

It shall be the duty of the Board to devise ways for increasing our missionary funds and to consider and regulate the disbursements. They shall report through the Recorder, and to each annual conference yearly; and to the General Con-

ference quadrennially.

The minutes of each session shall by approved and signed by the President before the adjournment. The Board may make by-laws for its own government, provided they shall not conflict with this constitution.

ARTICLE VI.

The Corresponding Secretary shall be elected by the General Conference, but, in case of removal by death, or by other means, or, should the Board find him inefficient, and remove him, said Board shall select a Corresponding Secretary. Provided, however, that the Secretary shall have the advantage of an examination before the Board when charged with inefficiency, and be removed upon the establishment of the charge.

The salary of the Corresponding Secretary shall be the same as that of other general officers.

It shall be his duty to collect money for the support of our mission work. He shall visit our conferences so far as practicable, in order that he may encourage the ministry to greater zeal in the missionary field, and receive any money that they may wish to our tribute to the sacred cause of missions. He shall gather into our missionary treasury all the money he can secure from those who are not members of our Church as well as those who are.

He shall publish the condition of our mission work in the RECORDER quarterly, and shall report annually to the annual conferences in session, and quadrennially to the General Conference in session.

ARTICLE VII.

The Treasurer shall give a bond of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be auxiliary societies established in all the annual conferences to be governed by the constitution laid down in Discipline.

ARTICLE IX.

The Woman's Mite Society shall make quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary.

We recommend the establishment of a Board of Missions in each annual conference, whose treasurer shall receive all moneys of the annual conference Missionary Society, and shall disburse according to the orders of the annual conference.

The Committee recommend that \$600 be paid from the Missionary fund annually.

We further recommend that the following question be inserted in the annual conference questions: How many mite missionary societies in your station or circuit? How much money raised?

RULES OF ORDER AND GOVERNMENT.

For the Government of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, held in Atlanta, Georgia, commencing May 1st, 1876.

1st. The Conference shall convene at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 2 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered.

2nd. The President shall take the air at the precise hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the Holy Scriptures to be read, singing and prayer, and on the appearance of a quorum (one third) shall have the Journal of the preceding day read—which Journal shall be approved (with corrections if necessary); after which business shall proceed in the following order: 1. Reconsiderations if any. 2. Unfinished business. 3. Reports of Standing or Special Committees. 4. Resolutions, Petitions, Memorials, Appeals. But notice of all motions to reconsider the action of the previous day must be given while the Journal is being read, unless the said notice was announced on the day previous; otherwise, the Chair shall disregard them. The President shall strictly require the order or orders of the day to be taken up and considered at the time appointed, unless otherwise directed by a two-thirds vote.

3d. The President shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the President and appellant shall only be heard.

4th. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered; but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time, unless on a special committee.

10th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes at the time, without special permission (unless to correct wilful misrepresentation); nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, though he may repressit another by his consent.

11th. When any member rise and speak it shall be the duty of the speaker to announce the name of the Chair and his conference.

12th. No member shall absent himself from the Conference without permission from the Chair, unless he is sick, or otherwise unable to attend.

13th. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by special permission.

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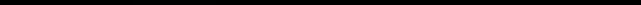
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Philadelphia, New York, New England and New Jersey. Conference, 1889, at New York. Address: New York University, Washington, D. C.

SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Virginia and North Carolina. Conference, 1889, at Baltimore. Address: Baltimore, Md.

THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Ohio, Indiana and Pittsburgh Conference, 1889, at Cincinnati. Address: Cincinnati, Ohio.

FOURTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois Conference, 1889, at Chicago. Address: Chicago, Ill.

FIFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Kentucky, Tennessee and West Tennessee Conference, 1889, at Nashville. Address: Nashville, Tenn.

SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

North Carolina, Columbia, Georgia and South Carolina Conference, 1889, at Charleston. Address: Charleston, S. C.

SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Alabama, North Alabama and Florida Conference, 1889, at Mobile. Address: Mobile, Ala.

EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Mississippi, North Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana Conference, 1889, at New Orleans. Address: New Orleans, La.

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

Louisiana, Texas and North Texas Conference, 1889, at Dallas. Address: Dallas, Tex.

MEETING OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Indiana Conference, Evansville, Ind., August 3, 1889. Bishop Shorter.

Kentucky Conference, Lexington, Ky., September 2, 1889. Bishop Campbell.

Ohio Conference, Columbus, Ohio, September 3, 1889. Bishop Shorter.

North Carolina Conference, Raleigh, N. C., September 4, 1889. Bishop Shorter.

Tennessee Conference, Nashville, Tenn., September 5, 1889. Bishop Shorter.

West Tennessee Conference, Clarksville, Tenn., October 13, 1889. Bishop Campbell.

Kansas Conference, Topeka, Kan., October 13, 1889. Bishop Ward.

Indian Conference, Atoka, Indian Territory, October 28, 1889. Bishop Turner.

North Carolina Conference, Raleigh, N. C., November 10, 1889. Bishop Payne.

North Texas Conference, Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 10, 1889. Bishop C. G.

Columbia Conference, Columbia, S. C., December 5, 1889. Bishop C. G.

Mississippi Conference, Vicksburg, Miss., January 26, 1890. Bishop Turner.

Texas Conference, Houston, Texas, October 8, 1889. Bishop C. G.

West Texas Conference, El Paso, Texas, November 24, 1889. Bishop C. G.

North Georgia Conference, Winston, N. C., January 1, 1890. Bishop C. G.

Louisiana Conference, Lake Providence, La., January 6, 1890. Bishop C. G.

Georgia Conference, St. Philip's Church, Savannah, Ga., January 12, 1890. Bishop C. G.

Arkansas Conference, Batesville, Feb. 23, 1890. Bishop Turner.

South Carolina Conference, Charleston, Mar. 10, 1890. Bishop Turner.

Washington, D. C. All further notices.

For the Council of Bishops.

W. F. DICKERSON, Secretary.

BISHOP WAYMAN'S APPOINTMENTS.

Sunday Oct. 24th, Opelika, Alabama.

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Wednesday night, Oct. 27th, New Orleans, La.

Sunday, Oct. 31st, Union Springs, Ala.

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Thursday night, Nov. 4th, Troy, Ala.

Sunday night, Nov. 7th, Mobile, Ala.

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Wednesday night, Nov. 10th, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Sunday night, Nov. 14th, Canton, Ohio.

Monday night, Nov. 15th, Madison, Wis.

Friday night, Nov. 19th, Erie, Pa.

Sunday, Nov. 21st, Lake City, Minn.

Monday night, Nov. 22nd, Duluth, Minn.

Wednesday night, Nov. 24th, Portland, Me.

Sunday, Nov. 28th, Jacksonville, Fla.

Monday, Dec. 5, Marietta, Ga.

Wednesday night, Dec. 10th, Tallahassee, Fla.

Thursday night, Dec. 15, Ala. Conference, at Union Springs, Ala.

North Alabama Conference, Jan. 18, 1890, Grapeland, Ala.

Real Florida Conference, Feb. 17, 1890, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Baltimore, Md. A. W. WAYMAN.

NOTICE

To the Ministers, Members and Friends of the North Carolina and Columbia, S. C. Conferences:

You are aware of the fact that the Ministers of the North Carolina and Columbia, S. C. Conferences, are now in session at the Hotel... (text continues with details of the conference proceedings and the importance of the work being done).

Members of the Columbia Annual Conference.

I hereby call attention to the following resolutions adopted at the last session of the conference, page 10:

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25	10	America's Best (box)	10	18	Cat Games,	18	tu	60
25	10	Europe	9	20	Spelling	18	to	1
25	10	Water-marked with Persian or Japanese figures	18	20	Toto	25	to	8.60
4	25	Europe	20		Out-of-Picture Series	17	to	60
6	25	Music lined, satin striped or Berende	18	20	Cube Puzzles (blocks)	50	to	1.50
6	25	Europe	18	20	Blocks	5	to	1.25
9	50	Europe	20		Building Blocks	25	to	2.50
10	60	Quadrille, cream or white	9	10	Whirligig of Life	1	60	
		Lace	10	11				
		Quadrille, cream or pearl	15	16	Grandall's Be-Deep	18		
		Europe	15	18	Grandall's Lovely Housework	18		

Thin papers:			
Rolls of lined	19	Chinese blocks, district	
Envelopes	12	school, etc.	75
Overland mail		Swiss Cottage, Sheep Ranch,	
Envelopes	12	Log Cabin, Toy Village,	
Onion skin	10	etc.	80 to 1.50
Envelope	10	Reliance	65 to 75
Quadrille, white	10	Lancasters	75 to 80
Envelope	32	Steamboats	90 to 95
Box of 1 quire, octavo-note		Work-books	1.15 to 1.50
Box of 1 quire, white or tinted	25 to 45	Albums on wheels	6 to 10

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(7)	Box of brown or striped station, no.	1 80 to 2 80	Barber Balls, fancy	8	12
(8)	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	3 00 to 5 00	Base Balls	14	45
(9)	Three-penned cards, 50 to	70	Foot Balls	25	10
(10)	Visiting cards, packages of 25, 50 to	40	Rubber Baitles	14	20
(11)	Walnut writing desks, 1 39 to 5 00		Rubber Monkey,	32	70
(12)	Walnut writing desks, 2 47 to 10 00		Rubber Dolls,	15	90
(13)	Walnut writing desks, 6 00 to 10 00		Rubber Animals,	21	50
(14)	Walnut writing desks, 8 43 to 10 00		Infants,		
(15)	Walnut writing desks, 6 00 to 10 00		Common Wax,	15	60
(16)	Linen portfolio, 15 to 20		Model Wax,	75	2 25
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	Doll press, with store.	25 to 30	1 00	Dressed wax,	30 to 90	
(7)	P. box and palette,	30 to 50	10 00	Breasted, jagged,	30 to 45	
(8)	" " "	35 to 40	12 00	Herman Rag Doll,	1 35 to 2 00	
(9)	Porcelain wigwags,	10 to 20	5 00	Dolls with wadding in		
(10)	Tail-topics,	45 to 50	6 00	boxes,	1 60 to 4 50	
(11)	Synthetic play,	40 to 45	5 00	Dolls with wadding in	1 00 to 5 50	
(12)	Alphabetic toys,	8 00 to 6 50		Lambets,	30 to 40	
(13)	Mackinon,	4 10 to 5 10		Nursing Dolls,	6 50 to 10 00	
(14)	" " "	1 10 to 1 50		Doll's jewelry, per set,	18 to 1 35	
(15)	Drawing pencils per box,	25 to 20	00	Fairings,	18 to 20	
(16)	Paper cutters,	12 to 15	45	Fans,	18 to 20	
(17)	Rulers,	12 to 15	45			

1	Religious articles,	25 to 30	45	Chapelain Fans	75
1	Shawl, young women,	3 to 6	20	Chapelain Sclavars	50
1	Bag earriars,	20 to 45	45		
1	Mathematical instruments, box,	30 to 3 to 10	10	Round Combs	15 to 25
1	Drawing books,	6 to 25	10	Comb	15 to 25
1	Drawing paper, per sheet,	5 to 12	12	Toilet Sets	25
1				Brushes	15 to 1 1/2
2				Nursing Bottles	15 to 25
3				Puff Boxes	20
4	Text sets:			Fans, per Set	75 to 1 1/2
1	Flour White,	12 to 1 1/2	1 1/2	Corsets	50
1	Oil Barrel,	35 to 1 1/2	1 1/2	Flare	30 to 40
2	Decorated,	35 to 6 00	6 00		

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4 (0)	Seeds	10 to 31	Santa Claus	23 to 7 00
4 (0)	Blossoms	5 to 23	Clapping Figures	9 to 1 00
2 (0)	Parrots	15 to 75	Mules	20 to 2 00
6 (0)	Trombones	15 to 75	Turtles	10 to 4 00
	Clowns	9 to 20	Canons	50 to 7 00
	Hornblows	10 to 1 00	Hables in Coaches	45 to 10 00
	Grasses	18 to 6 00	Comical Figures	14 to 18 00
	Beaks	5 to 05	Lead Soldiers, in boxes	10 to 2 00
	Canons	1 00	Lead Soldiers; Shown Flights	64 to 6 00
	Tour, Theatre	20 to 6 00	Arks	10 to 6 00
	Kitchens	15 to 1 75	Mineral Toys	40 to 7 00
00	Kitchens, Sole	9 to 1 00		

69	Floor Sds.	50 to 175	Elephants	50 to 80
69	Scales	20	Carved Wood Animals	4 to 80
69	Coffee Mills	20		
	Stoves	5 to 60	LACES, WHITE GOODS, ETC.	
to 12	Shoe cards,	1 to 90	Imitation Laces:	
to 13	Tie Rattles,	4 to 75	Vallenciences per yard	\$ 5 to 7
	H. H. Taffels,	13 to 75	Mattress	10 to 15
20	Chairs,	13 to 75	Duchess	10 to 15
20	Watering Pots,	10 to 25	Arabian	14 to 25
to 27	Animals In Hoops,	5 to 40	Pont	30 to 40
to 27	Rocking Chairs,	100 to 700	Russian	7 to 15

to 24	Springing Horses,	600 to 17 00	Broton	3 to
to 24	Swinging Horses,	8 00	Torchon	2 to
to 10	Shorn Pica,	1 00 to 2 50	Point d'Espion	6 to
to 10	3-wheeled Velocipedes,	3 75 to 7 00	Langueval	2 to
to 10	Hyacinths,	6 00 to 25 00	Point d'Alemon	1 to
to 12	Holl's coaches,	90 to 4 75	Point de Rosa	25 to
to 17	Express Wagons,	15 to 4 00	Irial Point	10 to
to 15	Two-wheeled Carts,	15	Carrickmacross	2 to
	Wheelbugrows,	17 to 2 50	Heal Lees:	
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to 20	Red Radials,	2 25 to	2 75	Turcoul,	4 40 to	5 00
to 18	Jaggette Tailies,	50 to	8 00	Bretou,	7 to	
to 17	Tivola Hoards,	35 to	1 20	English Thred,	10 to	2 00
to 16	Black Toss and Major			Black Spanish,	15 to	1 00
	Hoops,	1 00 to	1 40	Black Guipure,	14 to	1 00
	Columbia Ten Name Hoard,	1 00 to	1 60	Black Thred,	55 to	5 00
	Table Hoop,	40 to	60	Point Anglaise,	55 to	4 00
	Ten Hoops,	25 to	1 50	Point Duchesse,	2 00 to	6 00
	Hexagonum & G. Band,	3 00		Point Gaze,	5 00 to	8 00
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JOSEPH R. MOWELL.

ers, have you ever tried to
ultina In anything—yes,
just one day, to bring perfect
disorder? Have you tried

ties, thoughtless hat and
 your labor to be for naught?
 I have a school-room with
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 and have made a blunder
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 remain, but do not let the
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 a mystery so that each bur-
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 at least this one burden of life
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to check exertion, to paralyze. All things are literally better, and more beautiful, for the power which have been divinely appointed, law of human life may and should be based on mercy. Is there not comfort in thought, divinely appointed. That the law of human life may be based on mercy is necessary to our physical and spiritual well being, and that the human judgment is merciful and are the merciful, for they take mercy." "Judge not that ye be judged, and as ye judge ye shall be judged and as measure ye mete it shall be meted to you again." "Forgive us as we forgive our debtors." I quote briefly authority to prove of merciful human judgment? I do not. But I quote authority to prove of merciful human judgment?

It shall make the more earnest
 sustained effort; it is only that I
 taught greater confidence in it.
 And thus praying and striv-
 ing shall end
 ceases that latest day
 pick their taste like the Arab,
 as silently sets away." 18
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**OVER MADE ME MADE
 THAT BOOK**

and the following impressive
 in the Babylon Lectures
 of Huntington: If man is authentic
 the Christian revelation. If man
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the Israelite blind verities of his race, the teaching of his people, his Father, and was taken into the mission to learn English and translate Bible into the colloquial tongue. Many times he remained in the hospital, reading the Scriptures but their beauty. Abruptly, one day, he came from his room, and with a suddenness of his hand, and with wild manner of one who has been led by a great light, he said, "Whoever made this book knows all that is in my heart, and what no man but a God can know." "What is that book?" "What is that book is the Bible, which is true of him who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, reconciling us to him."

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On Biblical literature
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trict South Carolina Con-
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I lived by my many stripes in life is styled the leader of a Academic Conference. I may move about the division, he is too well known to be a stranger. He is now the leader of Abbeville District. I have to mention a few more must stop. The names of the young men are: Dr. J. M. Smith, Smith again, Haigler, Parker, Lee, Hester, Hester, Hester, Spearman, Grant, Hester, Haigler, Dwyer, Strickland, J. H. Willmer, Harper, and others. I shall not say any more space and time will not permit. But of the most of our Doctor and Professor of the University, we have the Professor's type among us, able to aught free, free for the most of the doctors. I am so people so reluctantly and then how long I have created. O I think, how long I have created the antipathy, to let the world's profane resemblance of our

to us, a higher standard
and, S. C.

AN EXAMINER,
JUSTIFICATION.

BY A. W. TALLENT.

PR.—I thought I would not
write more for a while, but
now space in your paper to
rev. E. N. Tallent's objec-
tion to our "Sanctification"
edition."

"Sanctification" changes the
sin in the laws of God. I be-
lieved, the law condemned
approves him. It pre-
sents him as guilty; it now
is innocent. If thou art
wicked; it now ac-
cuses righteous. 'This law
is our justification, in the
Gospel. The word is generally
"not of God's free grace,
obtains a sinner from
innocence and becomes a sinner

“ Webster thus defines piety, remission of sin, from guilt, and publication of free grace by which a sinner and accept him on account of the atonement. The act of “ transgression of the sin: to the sins of the youth, and, and of his river years, though indulged in every spoken, every wrong act it also includes sins of every kind, the sin of wrath, of love, of a life of obedience to God—all God is here swept away by blood. Every sinner and on his behalf, his debt is not is freed, and he is justified, nothing against him and, it is a great sin, for his guilt is concealed is therefore regarded by him and good men as though stoned.”

transgression differs from sanctification, that it relates to purification, and to purification, I would say, to our

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not yet come; we are sending the *Wagon*
Carolina, Louisiana, California, Va.
Carolina, Kentucky, West Tennessee, North
Georgia, North Alabama, Florida
North Mississippi and South Arkansas.

TWO THE ARKANSAS AND TWO THE
Mississippi Conferences have each a Sup-
perintendent, who is also the General Agent
equal with Preaching Elders, who
sole business it is to go through the
conference districts and plant their
churches and missions.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MARCH
at St. Louis, continues to occupy
attention of the Mississippi people.
From six to eight thousand trees were
lost; while fifty thousand are being
bred. And yet the use of this land
plenty and to spare.

The *Illustrated Christian Weekly*
April 10, was one of unexpected
beauty. We could wish that all
members had received it, and read
it on the Occasions.

EVERY BODY THAT SORES OF
Mississippi river, Louisiana, Arkansas
and Texas, are sending a large
number of emigrants from the Exo-
nantes for Kansas. The exodus
is full bait.

TWO MORE MISSIONS HAVE
organized in Texas, Ark., and

Personal.

—Prof. Jackson, a coalred colored
Keweenaw, is an applicant for a
ship.

-Colonel T. W. Hightson has been elected first lieutenant of the Lawrenceville Guards.

-Rev. Nathaniel Jones has been elected pastor of the Little Rock church.

-Mr. R. D. C. Russell, Jr., of New Orleans, was elected president of the friends.

-The Rev. G. F. Cook, who is pastoring our people, died last week ago.

-The Rev. J. M. McCallister, the inventor of sub-marine telegraphs, has received \$600 for his invention.

-The Rev. J. B. Williams, who has an organ at New Orleans Park Hotel. We hope will come here soon.

-John B. DeMott, a prominent colored politician of Virginia, accepted the position of secretary of the convention.

-John H. Douglass lectures in Libby Hall, Louisville, Ky., on the 27th St. Sunday School.

-Rev. T. McCants Stewart lectured in Bethel A. M. E. Church on the 28th Sunday.

-J. L. Swatt, a colored attorney of Memphis, Tenn., has been admitted practice at the bar of the District Court of the United States.

-Rev. W. A. J. Phillips, of the Pittsburgh Conference, has been elected moderator of the annual conference and stayed at Little Rock.

-The Rev. James Jones has obtained the license permitting the Edison Electric Light Company to lay its wires through the city streets, and the corporation offered by the company.

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the force employed to articulate the blood is compressive, and therefore not little danger results from a cutting or crushing of the arteries, the blood in the arteries contains the life, with a pulsation which exists, whereas the venous blood is dead, and with a pulsation which tends not to circulate the body. The arteries are the life-giving, and are in greater injury than the loss of a large quantity of venous blood.

THE CONNECTION ABANDONED

THE "AFRICAN METHODIST," PROGRESSIVE

"THE BURNER," OR NEW YORK, METHODIST

WHAT NEXT?

THE RIGHT OR NOT QUILTY?

BY REV. T. M. WINTERSTADT.

A Christian brother whom I respect and esteem went two weeks ago and argued well the *African Methodist* case, and returned with a certificate that he did not abandon the people. It is delightful to learn that. I am disappointed in my early morning prayer, when I felt that I should have been able to commit me to be regarded as a Methodist, and to be able to do so. Buckley, of the New York Christian Advocate, writes the following:

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frosted feet,
etc., etc., etc.,
by the use of his
"MAY TORMENTED BACK"
is the expression of a man who
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 "How still and peaceful is the grave
 Where life's race would cease
 And where the world's decree
 Henceforth can't reach."
 The excellent place by which to decree
 The wicked from the living
 Their punishment race to move.
 And leave the weary pilgrim souls
 From all the toll he bore.

For the Christian: *Remember.*
GENUINE POLITENESS.
 BY J. D. NICHOLAS, M. D.
 "Politeness, undoubtedly, is one of
 the greatest additions to public as well as
 private society. Where it is in use
 or genuine politeness there will be in
 consequence thereof, gentleness, humility,
 modesty and a number of other
 good qualities. Gentleness and humility
 are greatly to be desired, and are infinitely
 more graceful than simple politeness."

which is founded and dependent upon good square principles; it is also clear that which proceeds from the love of glory, stirring or treating in any way disrespectfully the authority of the law, or in society or in any assembly, incense or excite the passions, or create a condition of servitude; within on the other hand we find that the same principles were used frequently for the purpose of making the same point of account, and the same object to issue whether it profits or benefits another or not. And with a few of these officials whose terms of office are also to close; also with a number of public educators. The same principles are applied likewise to some of his party whose acquaintance he has had, and his knowledge upon the arena. When in company with one who is not of a higher circle. The former exordium the latter with politeness, and he has the same as this, which has meets one of his party he begins to tell him of his but through, severe opposition, but

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in the mission work and in American Judaism. We were the first to make the product of a single day, but at all times we have been the first to make thousands years of barbarism implemented by 200 years of slavery are not conducive to attain a more perfect form for such improvement in the identification of the colored people. This improvement should be largely undertaken by the American people. It stands today the best representatives of the negro race on the continent, and other fine points were brought out in the address. The speaker said that the millions had been given much attention. After a short address by Bishop Campbell, of Ia., a collection was taken amounting to \$405 for the benefit of the American Bible Society. The president over the meeting Sabbath. The various plagues threatened by the city were filled by the visiting ministers and the assembly were well attended. — *Des Moines Leader.*

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TIT BITS FROM BOSTON.

BY REV. J. J. SHERIDAN.

MAN, EDITOR:— I have written nothing

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the Arkansas Conference. We left Arkansas to await the meeting of the New England Conference. We called at Nashville, where we met Secretary Arnold. He arranged for us to be met at the hotel, and then arranged to business-like manner, tight binding the capital of the State of Tennessee. He intended to make this "white man's

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at the Southern Tennessee College at 1030 A. S. north of Dr. H. H. Shaffer at St. Louis, Mo. He is a student in a course of strength in medicine at the Tennessee College, from which he will graduate in the fall. He has a large number of patients, and his medical charge is believed not paid for.

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brother, and W. E. Johnson, both before absent from the city, he is instructed by the pastor, Rev. P. W. Jefferson.

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and personal pay to the train for Horrellville, N. Y. I spent a few days with Mr. John C. Herr, my brother-in-law, who is the general manager and conductor in the employ of the Pullman Car Company.
 Horrellville is a city of about two thousand inhabitants, and, strange to say, there is not a colored church in it, and a colored face is seldom seen in it. You may find a few colored people, but this was I to use from the South, where colored people are an numerous element.
 I know all about him. He looks five years younger than when he was Charles C. Smith, 1870. His measures (his) inches larger in body and weight seventeen pounds more. Pray for him as a soldier of peace.
 For the Christian Recorder.
 THE WILMINGTON CHURCH
 MEMORIAL WINDOW.
 OF REV. C. O. STEWARD.

the coming of Elder W. W. Law, one of the charges of the New England Conference. He has been in good health and is still able to do his work. This is the city which I took refuge to in 1859, when I left the slave soil of Maryland. I church under the Rev. H. J. Tooley. Here is where, after two years' teaching at Taylor's Commercial College, I was called to the pastorate of the First Church in Houston. God poured upon me the divine affluence, turned me about and

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Mr. Editor,—Please give me space in your columns to report to your many readers the arrival of our missionary Mr. E. Church in this city, of which I believe saw few strangers in my time.

For the Christian Worker.

ARRIVAL OF THE A. M. E. MISSIONARY FROM AFRICA.

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protection. Rev. P. H. Jefferson, pastor of the Morris Brown A. M. E. church, said that he had previously informed depositors of the fact that he had turned his coming into the church to assist in the collection of money to relieve his congregation to receive the money at once but 500 were present at the church and were preaching that night—and he was not distributed until 4 o'clock that evening. He said that the church (Morris Brown) was crowded, and that the S. S. F. Pierger, and for want of seats the church was occupied. His subject was "The Great Day of Wrath."

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bodies for the sea, the majority of whom

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 New York Tribune.
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important religious event is the Methodist Ecumenical Conference to be held in London next year. It is to be a coming together of all the branches of this widespread denomination, being unprejudiced, from members of the British Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church through to those of the Methodist Church in the Albion, and thus in the course of time, it will have the advantage of universal representation. It cannot have any executive powers, but will be authorized to formulate a Methodist statement in answer to any question that may be put forward by the public. The delegates will be asked to make an informal communication of their views respecting the various points of difference, and to make no pronouncement concerning any of the doctrinal lines of the denomination.

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tion. The programme must be so harmonious as to be a pleasure to the ears. The sections of the sufferer so widely in material and discipline will find delicate ground when discuss the comparative social agencies, and one very serious least ought to be. This is the day on which a critical question will be how to avoid waste, rivalry arising from different occupying the same or "Will there be no British and American home fields of Great United States, Canada and are some unfortunate implications in the form, China, Japan, India and spe. Certainly there

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THE BEGINNING.
BY HENRY W. MONROE.

"In the beginning God made the
heavens and the earth." Thus opens
the Book of God with the announce-
ment of a fact which no process of
reasoning could have reached, and with
the declaration of a fact which no philo-
sophy could have reached.

Church, his future prosperity and wel-
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children. The Sunday school is the
of the present age by all means
be Christianized. The child cannot feel
of the Bible, "for how can he know
children of the love of Jesus when they
have never felt it themselves? In the
of his Bible, our children are taught
know the way to prayer, the Apostles
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This first verse of the inspired record stands as a distinct and independent statement of the author's belief. It affirms that the heavens and the earth were made by God, and that the world, not from elements previously existing, but from nothing. Here is a statement of the origin of the materials composing the universe. This is the first of the four great epochs in the long anterior to the actual life of the six days, and which began with the light of the first day. The earth and the heavens had a beginning.

the Bible—a truth which, suggested to wisdom of man failed to discover or understand. The Bible is the only authority, without an exception, held that can be considered eternal. To them it appeared to be a mystery. To them it appeared that anything could be created out of nothing. They were told by Epicurus, that "nothing could be created from nothing." Plato declared that "nothing could be created from nothing." Aristotle asserted the eternity of the world, and Aristotle asserted the eternity of the world. The world is eternal. Nor has this doctrine of the ancients changed. Without it, we are in modern times, without it, we are in modern times, without it, we are in modern times.

The First District Conference of the A. B. C. Church reassembled yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. James A. Handy presiding. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. W. Chambers. The discussion of the financial, moral and spiritual condition of the church was resumed: after which the

and living inability have not been the result of the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, In the judgment of this district conference the financial losses and moral status of the church entitle it to a special consideration, as it pertains to buying and selling real estate, whether at out-of-door meetings or at the church; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the practice has been a compromising disapproval of this

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Helena, Ark.

For the Christian Pioneer.

A VOICE FROM TEXAS.

BY REV. DAVID P. TAYLOR.

It is a mistaken idea to believe that all Texans are fools or hoors. It is true that there are not as many edu-

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Rev. Mr. Cello, of Elkton, said that
his effort to break down Sunday trave

ere in some of the states of the Union, but in many portions of the State there exists as high an order of society as will be found anywhere. Crime is condemned and virtue is protected here as in any other State. As General Sheridan, I think, is quoted as saying in his report on the plains: "Texas is next to"—well, a very bad place. He probably could not appreciate the many beautiful things with which the god of nature has

and the Southern States. The color line is constantly in the place for the colored man. The color line is drawn nowhere in the Southern States less distinct than in Texas. Our educational advantages are many. In many places the public free schools are controlled by the city authorities and a special levy levied to run them ten months. I would say to all inquirers that if you wish to know if there is any good in

For the Christian Recorder.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

BTJ B SCOTT.

The Sunday school is the grandest nursery in the Church of the present age. Without it the Church would not

At the afternoon session devoted to exhortations were conducted by Rev. J. Roblesco; after which the question of a uniform financial system for the churches was considered, and, on motion, passed. J. J. Herbold, it was solved to adopt the envelope and card system.

Rev. Mr. Hargrove and Weaver, of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the conference.

The sermon, from Isaiah 66, set them thinking. "Behold, I have created new heavens and a new earth; and ye shall bring forth fruit meet for repentance," the Chereb never allows while the Sunday school lives. In the Sunday school among the children there is life, courage and zeal. If ministers of the gospel cannot find life, courage and zeal among the children of the Sunday schools of the present age, they had better leave the sacred desks and let others come to. The Sunday school

of the "Bethesda" is a model of the "Condition" of the Sunday School of the District and the best method of supporting them." Revs. Coppin, Chambers and Weaver of the Presbytery of the Church, delivered appropriate and forcible addresses. The speeches were accompanied by music by the Sunday school of the church.

At the evening session a special sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. A. Coppin, when, on motion, the conference

of the present, fifty years to come, will be, "the Church," yet the church of God.

He said this Sunday school is to have as the nucleus to be an orchard. Its principal and main object should be to win souls for Jesus. It was the object of "the immortal Halket" when he gathered the children from the streets and alleys of London, and carried them into a place of instruction. This should be the object of every Sunday school.

—Prof. W. S. Scarborough is probably the first African to write a Greek book although Greek was extensively spoken in past centuries by the negroes. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and occupies the chair of Greek and Latin at Wilberforce University. *Harper's Bazar*.

The President of Wooster University, Ohio, protests against the already announced consolidation of the Cleveland and Wooster medical departments of the University, which department is also situated in Cleveland. This union, he says, was announced without consultation with the trustees of the University and, of course, without their consent.

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NOTICE. To all Candidates for Elders' Orders, or Fourth Year's Studies: Dear Brethren—Owing to the failure of the Secretary in the publication of the minutes of our 4th annual meeting, we have not the list of studies to which you were to be assigned. You will therefore prepare yourselves to be assigned to the following: 1. In the Fourth Year's Studies, let down in the Book of Discipline, page 338, including a review of the three first years' course. 2. On your Personal Religious Life and Habits, Discipline, 219. 3. On Church Organization and Government, page 341. 4. On the Social Philosophy and History of the Church. Hoping you will meet the committee on day previous to the sitting of conference, (Nov. 1st, 1881), in Memphis, Tenn., as per order of our preceding history, Mr. Rev. James P. Campbell, D.D., LL.D., I remain yours, etc., C. H. THOMAS, Chairman Committee.

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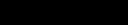
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IL For two years he had traveled about spending the winter in the Southern States, himself acquainted with the things. The race prejudice was doing more to retard the of the colored race than all the instrumentalities combined. onance of the accliment to try, the peace and prosperity; feeling existing with some of ren who had spoken, he any right here, there had been

It struck the observer world board at the one-horse institute colored passengers." "Ladies and gentlemen of color must go to waiting rooms where the colored passengers are seated. That was at Louisville. From New Orleans you would see the same thing. His Rev. brethren know it was not so? The negroes go into an hotel in all that country, and sit down and eat the dinner room with a white man. I have seen it myself."

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down, and hoping and pray-
had been praying all his life,
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idence, and he was taxed

Bro. Tauner: And the colored people are white as any person in this country.

Bro. Towessend: Yes; shall we not love them as ourselves? We are all members of the same church, and all my neighbors are German Lutherans. When the Lutheran preachers here of the School Board—call him, he did not know which child. No wonder Dr. Tauner says there are "white black people" here, in the state of affairs. I have consulted the best legal authorities in this city; the case is ready, and we

Bro. Townsend: It is not
Notwithstanding the fact that
are examined, and certificates
granted to them on their
large cities, yet they won't al-
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men whose acceptance was ruder than anything excepted in America. After the reception of the guests, the ladies sat in the parlor, and the men in the dining room. The menu included, in addition to the usual soup, fish, and chicken, refreshments, ice cream, cake, and fruit. The ladies were all dressed in white, and the men in dark suits. The reception was a success, and the guests were all well. The ladies were all dressed in white, and the men in dark suits. The reception was a success, and the guests were all well.

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any of the week days. With few exceptions the people are not seen on the streets until the women have finished their morning toilette, and the men have shaved and shaved their heads and combed their hair. The streets are clean and very polite. The houses are small and the palaces, however (some of them) 300 feet front on two and three stories. The houses are built of brick and probably more wine is used on the tables than in any other country. The houses have small tables in the restaurants, some with cushions, others with marble, some as many dirty, others lacquered.

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of our delegates. They all seemed to
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was dressed in robes of white, with arms and hands bare, and a crown of honor. The crown of honor and mantle of honor. This reception was grander than anything common in the East. The Emperor, his wife and her ladyship had prepared a banquet for the guests. The Emperor, after the reception, the Lord Marquis returned to his meeting into the palace. The Emperor, after the reception, the Lord Marquis returned to his meeting into the palace. The Emperor, after the reception, the Lord Marquis returned to his meeting into the palace.

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thank you, you will now complain because I have not been able to give you that you for the attention you have given to my work and hope, some day, to repay you.

ALBANY, N. Y.

FROM EUROPE.

PARIS, FRANCE, August, 3d, 1881.

August 1st I left New York direct for London, England, with six other delegates of the London Convention of the Christian Science Society, and the Rev. Mr. Sturtevant and Mr. Morton. Our voyage was very pleasant. The ship was the "Carnegie," and the captain was a very kind and experienced man. We arrived in London on the 3d of August, and were met by Mr. Sturtevant and Mr. Morton. We then proceeded to the Hotel de Ville, where we were accommodated. The hotel was very comfortable and the service was excellent. We were very much pleased with our trip and the arrangements made for us. We were also very much interested in the work of the Christian Science Society in London and the progress of the cause. We were very much pleased to see the many friends of the cause who were present at the Convention and the many interesting lectures and discussions which took place. We were very much interested in the work of the Christian Science Society in London and the progress of the cause. We were very much pleased to see the many friends of the cause who were present at the Convention and the many interesting lectures and discussions which took place. We were very much interested in the work of the Christian Science Society in London and the progress of the cause. We were very much pleased to see the many friends of the cause who were present at the Convention and the many interesting lectures and discussions which took place.

who holds the cloud and the resplendent rainbow, and the rainbow bridge leads and calms and placid waters. Warned in London the night before, I had a room at the Hotel Bristol and six hours. Captain Mollin was one of the officers, and one of the members of the South Proletarian Church, including Dr. Fenwick, who is a member of the same church. Captain is a free thinker, and is not at all watchful of his epithet.

He was friendly and free from that criminal prejudice, and that I had a very nice time. When traveling in the United States, I have seen in this State a few men who are color-blind, even our Americans seem to understand the color-blindness on this side of the Atlantic, and the color-blindness is very noticeable.

With few exceptions the people are honest, generous and kind. The wages are not very high, but the people are very hard working.

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of that grand edifice, and to the
 of the Irish list, in company with
 of our delegates. Above mentioned,
 Dr. Taurer, John White, Cock & Co's
 personal acquaintance. Party number
 is thirty-six, for the White Mountain
 Conference, six Paris, (Geneva, Cham-
 pagnois and Mount Blanc). The
 party was composed of refined and
 social French, Irish, and English ladies
 and gentlemen, and of course the color-
 line was unknown. The only Ameri-
 cans were all elegant, generous and industrious.
 All along the road through France and
 Switzerland was to be seen a throng erect
 with the image of the Blessed Sa-
 crament, and so silent that, as the
 people pass by they worship or make
 haste. One learns much of the world,
 for truly her people are homogeneous,
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I will leave Paris to-morrow, August
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Dr. J. C. Smith, M.D., Jan. 31, 1881.
Dear Sir:—I have been afflicted for a number of years with indigestion and general debility, by the advice of my doctor I used Hop Bitters, and now I feel as if I am a new man. I am glad to be able to testify to their benefit.
Yours, J. C. Smith.

He who cherishes his knowledge as a continually to acquire new, as may be a doctor of others.

Many people have lost interest in politics and in some extent because they are out of action and run down. They cannot enjoy anything. If such people would only be well enough to read the celebrated "Hop Bitters" they would find it a perfect remedy for their debility. It is a perfect tonic for the system, and it is a perfect tonic for the mind. It is a perfect tonic for the body, and it is a perfect tonic for the soul. It is a perfect tonic for the whole man.

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The good man bears the bad man's burden. The good man bears the bad man's burden. The good man bears the bad man's burden.

Lieutenant Commander George, in his report to the War Department, has performed a monumental work. He has performed a monumental work. He has performed a monumental work.

It is a perfect tonic for the whole man. It is a perfect tonic for the body, and it is a perfect tonic for the soul. It is a perfect tonic for the whole man.

A man who has learned little grows old as a man; but his knowledge does not grow old. A man who has learned little grows old as a man; but his knowledge does not grow old.

If every person would be half as good as he expects his neighbor to be, what a heaven this world would be.

Mrs. Lydia C. Pinkham, 233 Western Avenue, Lynn, Mass., is rapidly acquiring a reputation for her "Hop Bitters" as a perfect tonic for the system, and it is a perfect tonic for the mind. It is a perfect tonic for the body, and it is a perfect tonic for the soul. It is a perfect tonic for the whole man.

Communism possesses a language which every people can understand. It is a language which every people can understand. It is a language which every people can understand.

NOTICE.—This is to inform the brethren that the next meeting of the Board of the "Hop Bitters" will be held on the 15th of the next month. It is a perfect tonic for the whole man.

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member, too) going to meet the lodge. Until I do I shall believe the spirit of God reposes with every one as they pass the door. Now I leave every doubt to say which all be obey. Belief that you will be happy in the Lord, gives us the spirit of God.

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Dr. Reeve's church, the members of which were the first to be organized into a class, but the difference is well marked. They are not a class of persons, but a class of things, thus, time, light, fairly high forehead. They are generally intelligent, good looking, and of a high type of a slave of this sort is Trevelly, 80, who could read and write, and working as a cooper, he was a very capable and skillful and general information that he made all the estimates for the building of the new school house, and managed the entire construction. A minister of the class in the city of New Orleans, and highly respected. A member of the Virginia State senate years ago politics in the city of New Orleans. Trevelly was a slave, but now liberated to wherever he wishes, wife in a family of four children, and was for some time the phase employed, and by one

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to disobey their orders, even so
of Holy Spirit of God give them
to obey him and his commands
and our heavenly Father forbid in
sals of the children, anger, malice,
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if you and I lodge in any of
and enemies, we grieve the
of the Holy Spirit of God. Let
each bell and axe. Toward this
which men Moses, have patience
of the Father's house like John
one grieves the Spirit of God when

conveyed and justified through
in the world's holiness. But
the Holy Spirit will be the
great many preaching Christians,
of this nation." My song,
"O Lord, O Lord, O Lord,"
declares the spirit of God con-
stantly, "I am here, I am here."
The Holy Spirit by saying we did what
we can. I believe after every revival
there is a great night of prayer
for Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
and we are aware of our prayers
being answered. The Holy Spirit
will not permit the people to
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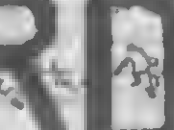
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(Signed) FRANK J. PHILLIPS,
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ness as a dead of trust, but still this is a great advantage, and made an effort to procure from them and the hands of the poor, a sum of \$100,000, as a security of some little debt which he had contracted. Y. A. Wallace, collector of the city of New York, is not a party to this scheme. It is a copy of a false newspaper clipping, in which it is said that some poor people to have failed to pay their taxes, they ought to have had lots of their children and children's children, and the efforts combined with the better of the world in defeating them in all purpose. Surely the people would not have been the instrument in retaining order in the streets, but also our more than a hundred years ago, to compensate him for his I would to find that every man used with his own and human spirit. He is an

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said he scarcely knew how to thank
the friends for their kindness. At
any rate he delivered a fine address.
After this part was over the entire com-
pany, led by the bride and groom, re-
paired to the ball in the rear of the
church, where a collation had been
prepared for the guests; ice cream and
all delicacies were there in abundance.
The ladies and gents having the affair
in charge did great credit to themselves.
After an hour or two spent in the ball
the company waded the bridge and
groomed the horses to happy life.
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